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New Bedford 31 July 1827.

Capt. Latham Cross
Respected friend

I have received your letter dated Rio de Janeiro 20th May — and am glad to learn you have sold the whale oil ~~[illegible]~~ write it will net here 38 cts — which is much better than to bring it home — the price here is higher this season than it has been for several years — it is now worth 38 cts & will probably bring 30 cts next Fall — I think we may calculate on its being worth next spring 35 cts — whale bone has been sold lately at 33 cts. & will be worth about 30 cts next spring — If you can sell your whale oil again at Rio at a price that will net 35 cts remitted to the U. States, it will be doing much better than to bring it home — I am sorry to hear you have had difficulty with your crew. I hope they have done their duty & are now with you — I expected better things of Waterman. If they have left the ship I shall not pay them one cent — Your son William is well. the rest of your family are well — keep up your cheer & don't be discouraged by bad luck — If you get 1000 bbls. oil more you will still make a good voyage

with much esteem your friend
Wm. R. Russell

New Bedford 17 July 1827

Capt. Latham Cross
Respected friend

[illegible] informed [illegible] passing your [illegible] Rio de Janeiro of 15th [illegible] that it is not an object to buy a ship at Rio. the season has so far advanced [illegible] with so much [illegible] to get a ship from there, that it will be [illegible] too late to fit a whale[illegible] for this year [illegible] you receive this [illegible] home. As to the [illegible] to think of buying [illegible] rather [illegible] for [illegible]

Respectfully your friend
Wm. R. Russell

New Bedford 21 July 1827

Messrs. James Birckhead & Co.
Gent.

The whale Ship Richmond Capt. Gardner of this port may stop at Rio de Janeiro for refreshments, and make sale of her cargo or a part of it if prices with you should offer sufficient inducement — My Father is part owner of this Ship, and any advice or assistance you may render Capt. Gardner will be gratefully acknowledged by him and

Your friend
Wm. T. Russell

$32.33/100 New Bedford 26 July 1827

Please pay to the order of [illegible] thirty two 33/100 dollars [illegible] the same to account of

Your friend
Wm. T. Russell

[illegible] Philadelphia

Dear Sir

Above you have draft for [illegible] $32.33/100 [illegible] not having any funds [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Your [illegible] family is well. [illegible] Make my [illegible] to [illegible]

with [illegible] Your friend
Wm. T. Russell

26 July 1827

Mr. [illegible] Russell

New Bedford 1 Aug.t 1827

Messrs Davis & Wilkinson & Co
Pawtucket

Gent.n

I have been [illegible] sight of the Hydrostatic press & find it takes [illegible] power to press [illegible] as any with as much ease [illegible] company. The man cannot do any more work with it in a day than with the old press. I should think it ought to press double the power which it has to do as much work as an [illegible] — I think you have overrated the power of the old press & overrated the power of the Hydrostatic press — I shall have [illegible] to [illegible] to be about a [illegible] [illegible] — when I [illegible] I shall be glad if you or Mr Jenkins would come here to see the press in operation. Mr Walker who left here this morning can [illegible] from you of all the particulars of arrangement.

with respect your friend
[illegible] Russell

New Bedford 3 Aug.t 1827

Messrs C. Holloway & Co

Gent.n

[illegible] you will have the goodness to get [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] cards for [illegible] of the size of these [illegible]. I shall have [illegible] to [illegible] a [illegible] for a pattern & wish them made as exactly the same size & length as possible — Mr [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] who has made [illegible] for the manufacturies here if you are not acquainted with him —

Respectfully your friend
[illegible] Russell

Daniel [illegible] New Bedford 7th May 1847

Respected Friend

[illegible]

[illegible]

Respectfully Your [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] New Bedford May 7 1847

Respected Friend

[illegible]

[illegible]

Yours [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] ... has been a large addition made to the [illegible] ... the season ... [illegible]

New Bedford Sept 3. 1837

Daniel Anthony
Respected friend

[illegible] your [illegible] is received

[illegible] Oil sent you per Ship Harvey.
this Oil is of fair quality but I should not
be willing to recommend it. it is however quite
equal if not better than the two last [illegible]
[illegible] I have wrote you [illegible] with the [illegible]
is about –

I have your favor of [illegible] also
[illegible] Sandwich Ship [illegible] draft on Oil
[illegible] for $[illegible] which when
paid shall be placed to your credit.
Your last sale was satisfactory. I shall
[illegible] you down till you can [illegible]
when the balance [illegible] further advance –

with respect
your friend
Wm. [illegible]

New Bedford 5 Sept. 1837

Capt Latham Cross
Respected friend

I wrote you on the 31 July
by several of the Bank Ships. Since which
I have received a remittance of $1000 from
Mr Dickason by a Bill on the [illegible] of the
Navy which has been paid. The balance
you left in Mr Dickason's hands, he writes
he will remit in Coffee which I am expecting
every day. I have also rec'd your letter
by Ship Leonidas & am glad to hear you
have got another mate. We are much
pleased with your selling your whale
Oil at the Isle of France & your going in there
again to sell when you get away from
the Banks. You have liberty to do so by
our policies of insurance. Whale Oil
is now worth 30 cts & whale bone has lately
been sold in New York at 25 cts. But there
has been a large addition made to the Bank
ships this season. The most we can expect
to get next Spring will be 25 cts for Whale
Oil & about 15 cts for whale bone –

we think you have better sell your whale
oil at this if it wont net in the U States
clear of all charges 30 cts —

I am sorry you will have such a long
tedious voyage. but keep up your spirits
if you have tolerable luck in the
latter part of your voyage it will all be
taken as a profitable one. —

Your family is well except William
who remains about the same.

with much respect
your friend
Wm. T. Russell

Nantucket [illegible] 1847

Dear Anthony
Respected friend

I wrote you per ship
George & Phebe 33 casks dark Sperm Oil, as
per Invoice, which sold as soon as possible
for the last time you [illegible]. — You may
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] your bill. [illegible]
of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] — I believe this is the
last [illegible] I shall have to send you

with respect
your friend
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford [illegible] 18[illegible]

Joseph Grinnell

Dear Brother

I received your favour of [illegible] inst on the subject of Ship [illegible] [illegible] morning. It is the opinion of the owners here that if we can get a first rate mate to take charge of her, it would be best to send her to the Pacific Ocean [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] we have in our office [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible]. I have written to learn whether he will go in the ship if we conclude to fit her & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] whether we fit her for whaling [illegible] [illegible] or not, we are inclined to the opinion it will be best to [illegible] her [illegible] [illegible] it may be attended with some [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] your views & write when the ship will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of them will be any difficulty in getting sailors in N York, & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] here —

I regret not having [illegible] [illegible] your company on my journey as much as you [illegible] my absence from N Bedford. I [illegible] a pleasant excursion & [illegible] improved health — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from our [illegible] & we are now settled down to the sober realities of life. We are all as well as usual —

with kind regards

your brother

Wm [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] was formerly [illegible] of Ship [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of Ship [illegible] —

New Bedford 10 Sept 1827

Fitch Griswold & Co

Respected friends

Yours of the 8th by Capt Deluce has this moment been received. It would give us much pleasure to execute your order for 1200 bbls Sperm Oil - but it is utterly out of the question at 60 cts - 70 cts is the asking price & doubtful whether it could be bought at 65 cts —

If you do not want the Indian a whaling I think on the whole it would be better to offer her at New York & have a conveyance from here to [illegible] her — We have not yet heard from Capt Potter, we are [illegible] of [illegible] particularly anxious to have the Indian a whaling this fall, your opinion would [illegible] the scale either way —

we remain yours

Wm R. Rodman

New Bedford 10 Sept 1827

Fitch Griswold & Co

Respected friends

I wrote you this morning by the Experiment, that it was impossible to execute your order for 1200 bbls Sperm Oil at 60 cts - It could not be bought at 65 cts now, but I think it is quite probable it may be bought at that price in the course of this fall - 70 cts is now the asking price —

Since [illegible] master of the whaling Ship Dover just as he was [illegible] off on board the Experiment and promised to write him what it would be best to do with his Sperm Oil - I will thank you to take the trouble to see him and tell him 65 cts is the utmost he can expect to get here & if he can do better in New York he had better sell it there — [illegible] would make a very good master for the Indian either in the merchant service or whaling if he has not engagements in the [illegible]

voyage, & Shaw, we had no [illegible] to suppose he had [illegible] that other [illegible] [illegible] abroad. he was in the [illegible] office [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Mr. [illegible] than [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a better man than Capt. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] is considered [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & would not go in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the highest pay that is given [illegible] [illegible] written [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] which will [illegible] us from any [illegible] gations we are [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] whether he will, at large, consent to [illegible] [illegible] these circumstances. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] make what enquiries he can [illegible] [illegible] in N. York. & if he finds he has [illegible] himself well on his [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] no bad habits, I think he [illegible] [illegible] better engage him — [illegible] Uncle [illegible] [illegible] Brookfield on [illegible] this morning & [illegible] has offered him a ship, but I have no doubt he will give me the preference —

engage, & I have no reason to suppose he [illegible] — [illegible] who knew him agrees he is better qualified to command the Dove than [illegible]. In some respects I should consider him a better man than Capt. Peddar, being young & active & would go in the boats himself — Capt. Peddar is considerably advanced in years & would not go in the boats & would want the highest lay that is given — Capt. Rhodes written us, he is not yet ready to give an answer which will absolve us from any obligation we are under to him, & it is uncertain whether he will accept or consent to go — Under these circumstances, you & I had better make what enquiries we can about Marfield in N York, & if he finds he has conducted himself well on his last voyage & has contracted no bad habits, I think we had better engage him — I learned Uncle Eli took Marfield on deck this morning & I suspect has offered him a ship, but I have no doubt he will give me the preference —

[illegible] much better than we can [illegible] with the prospect of [illegible] freight is [illegible] to you [illegible] what [illegible] with the [illegible] — I have [illegible] that you [illegible] Capt. [illegible] your [illegible] has been [illegible] for [illegible] I [illegible] by your authority. You [illegible] on the subject [illegible] to your [illegible]. I would [illegible] you to use temperate language.

Your brother

Wm. T. [illegible]

Newburyport[?] 11 Sept. 1817

Saml. C. Bunting

Respected friend

Annexed is Invoice [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] which [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the best you can [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of a good quality [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

with respect

your friend

[illegible] T. Russell[?]

Newburgh[?] [illegible] Sept. 1817

Davis Wilkinson & Co

Pawtucket

Gent.

If you [illegible] [illegible] a new [illegible] which [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] in the course of a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] after that time [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for the [illegible]

Respectfully yours

Wm. T. Russell[?]

Northampton 13 Sept 1857.

Saml L. Hinckley [illegible]

Respected friend

I have sent you per [illegible] [illegible] Oil [illegible] as this [illegible] [illegible] quality [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the best you can [illegible] [illegible] I believe [illegible] the only [illegible] by the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by the [illegible] of the times.

with respect

your friend

Wm C. Russell

Northampton 14 Sept 1857.

William Rotch [illegible]

Respected friend

I have your favor of the 10th inst: the letter enclosing [illegible] [illegible] Oil [illegible] [illegible] I do not feel disposed to [illegible] any more [illegible] Whale Oil at present prices [illegible] after [illegible] you any more at present. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible]

with respect

your friend

Wm C. Russell

New Bedford? April 17th? 1857?

Joseph Grinnell?

Dear Brother

I [illegible] a list of articles which will be wanted for Ship [illegible] being here better be purchased in New York for the Ship – As we do not know what duck she has or what condition they are in, or amount she has, [illegible] duck she will want. – but you can consult [illegible] about it – she will want for spare duck 4 pieces heavy probably and to repair with her – 1 piece half duck & about two 5 pieces [illegible] – The [illegible] should be [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] it will take from 6 to 7 tons [illegible] of standing rigging. If it is necessary to get [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] or any other standing rigging it had better be bought in New York. If the Ship is planked with 2½ in plank it will be necessary to get sufficient to repair her with to put them on [illegible] of [illegible] as there is nothing to have here. If they are [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] can get [illegible] there – [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the ship is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible].

Your brother

Wm. [illegible]

6 to 7 tons Hemp

Standing rigging viz

30	–	200 fms
30	–	250
30	–	250
32	–	300
30	–	200
		1200 fms

Copper Bolts

200 lbs [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

50 lbs [illegible] [illegible]

100 yds [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

Duck.

Oakum sufficient for [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

New Bergholz [illegible] Sept 1847

Henry & Moses [illegible]

Dear Brothers

Our brother [illegible]
has [illegible] from taking a [illegible]
of Ship [illegible] and I now offer you this
one eighth, as you think she [illegible]
[illegible] you have an opportunity of [illegible]
the Ship. there is no difficulty [illegible]
[illegible] and I thought you [illegible]
to the first offer. I have no doubt she
would be [illegible] & think you had better
[illegible] &c.

Your brother

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bergholz [illegible] Sept 1847

[illegible]

Respected friend

The Ship [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
of [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible]
you [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

I think [illegible]
[illegible]
you [illegible]

[illegible]

Your friend

[illegible]

Mayfield 27 Sept 1837

Richard C. Rowland

Respected friend

I have drawn on you this day at five days sight in favor of [illegible] for [illegible] which you will please pay when due.

I shall be much obliged by your letting me know my account up to the present time and forwarding it to me at your convenience when ever you have another order for [illegible] I shall be happy to supply it

with respect

Your friend

Wm. T. Russell

Mt Pleasant 28 Sept 1837

Dennis Anthony

Respected friend

Agreeably to your [illegible]

[illegible]

with respect

Your friend

Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford Sept 30th 1857

[illegible]

Respected friend

I have your favor [illegible] informing of the arrival of [illegible] there & bill [illegible] Since [illegible] you this shipment I [illegible] convinced [illegible] oil would command [illegible] & I [illegible] wish you to hold it at that price for the present — [illegible] drawn my drafts on you for the whole Oil have been [illegible] than at [illegible] price to that at [illegible] [illegible] the only advice you had of them was my letter of 10 July — I was absent from home the whole of the month of August, & drew these drafts previous to my leaving, & left them with a friend to be [illegible] at the Bank to meet the payment of the Oil I gave for the whole Oil — [illegible] you [illegible] the 10 July that I should draw on you the 13 Augt. I did not think it was [illegible] to write you again on the subject [illegible] as I [illegible] them to do so. Your [illegible] interest on the [illegible] of the invoice from [illegible] & which is in the draft —

With respect

Your friend

[illegible]

[illegible] 9 Sept 1817

[illegible] &c

Respected friends

Enclosed is Invoice [illegible] of [illegible] body Oil, on board [illegible] which I trust will arrive in time [illegible] in the [illegible] to London — [illegible] Invoice is f 1106.63 due 27 Aug. 1821. [illegible] f 1856.22 [illegible] you [illegible] f 100 [illegible]

There is [illegible] from [illegible] to purchase [illegible] among [illegible] from [illegible] for [illegible] this [illegible] for [illegible] — [illegible] & [illegible] of [illegible] for [illegible] — [illegible] price —

I [illegible] I [illegible] for [illegible]

[illegible] a [illegible] for [illegible] & [illegible]

[illegible] —

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 3[illegible] 18[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Respectfully yours
[illegible]

[illegible] 3[illegible] 18[illegible]

[illegible] &c
Respected friends

[illegible]

Yours [illegible]

New Bedford 3rd [illegible] 1837

Fitch Brinnell & Co

Respected friends

I have [illegible] as to what vessel you ship the Oil to New Orleans & what it was to cost [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 90 [illegible] [illegible] $1670. [illegible]

We [illegible] ship the body Oil [illegible] [illegible] purchased [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] get up [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] please give me the first information you receive [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the subject.

[illegible]

W. R. [illegible]

New Bedford [illegible] 1837

Fitch Brinnell & Co

Respected friends

I have [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] 300 [illegible] of [illegible] Candles [illegible] New Orleans which I [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible] to him [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by what vessel you [illegible] them. I have [illegible] 100 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the other to be shipped [illegible] by [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] be [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible].

I [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible] Oil [illegible] Candles by [illegible] [illegible].

The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

New Bedford 8th Oct. 1837

Mr. J. W. [illegible]
New Orleans,

Sir

[illegible] 200 boxes Spermaceti Candles sent to the care of [illegible] New York, to be shipped to you where you may dispose of to best advantage [illegible] & risk [illegible] for the proceeds –

with respect
your friend
Wm. [illegible]

New Bedford 9 Oct. 1837.

Dear [illegible]
Respected friend

There has been considerable spermaceti oil sold here within a few days [illegible] for the London market – information having been received that [illegible] in England, & that [illegible] There is but little doing in oil here, & I am informed there is but little at Nantucket. – I understand [illegible] in a few weeks. You [illegible] I give you this information that you may be [illegible] [illegible] to you by [illegible] –

with respect
your friend
Wm. [illegible]

[illegible] 3 Oct 1837

Samuel [illegible]

Respected friend

There has been consid-
erable speculation made here within a
few days both in candles & [illegible] sperm
oil for the London market. information
having been received that a rise has taken
place in England & that it is likely to
[illegible] there. There is but little [illegible]
oil here & I am informed the stock [illegible]
at Nantucket. I give you this inform-
ation that you may be on your guard ag-
ainst speculation. Nantucket [illegible]
[illegible] in a few weeks. you
[illegible]
[illegible]
price —

with respect
your friend
[illegible] Russell

[illegible] 1837

Messrs [illegible] & Co

Gent

There has been consider-
able speculation made here within a
few days both in candles & [illegible]
oil for the London market. information
having been received that a rise has taken
place in England & that it is likely to
[illegible]. There is but little [illegible]
oil here & I am informed the [illegible]
at Nantucket. I give you this inform-
ation that you may be on your guard
against speculation. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] in a few weeks.

with respect
[illegible]

[illegible]

The [illegible]

[illegible]

Dear [illegible]

Respected friend

[illegible]

With respect

[illegible]

New [illegible] 18[illegible]

Major Henry [illegible]

Sir

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

New [illegible] 18[illegible]

Major Henry [illegible]

Sir

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford Oct 8. 1817

Mr Wm R [illegible]

Sir

I have received your letter of [illegible] in reply. [illegible] I have received a remittance of [illegible] dollars from [illegible] for the [illegible] at Rio de Janeiro. [illegible] of the [illegible] left the ship at Rio [illegible] of [illegible] among them. I [illegible] in [illegible] any [illegible] all [illegible] to the [illegible].

Respectfully Yours

Wm [illegible]

New Bedford [illegible] 1817

[illegible]

Respected friends

Enclosed you have [illegible] account [illegible] Whale Oil [illegible] Candles [illegible]. I [illegible] in Oil [illegible] the [illegible] as the stock of Whale Oil [illegible] Nantucket. The Candles [illegible] the current [illegible] Oil [illegible]

Respectfully thy friend

[illegible]

[illegible]

Washington [illegible] 18[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Brother

Enclosed [illegible]

[illegible]

with [illegible]

[illegible] Russell

[illegible] 18[illegible]

[illegible]

Respected friend

[illegible]

with respects

your friend

[illegible]

Joseph [illegible]
Dear Brother

[illegible]

... exchange ... [illegible]

J. [illegible]

[illegible]

Nottingham [illegible] 1857.

Samuel B. [illegible]

Respected friend

I am writing you on the [illegible] of my having [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for your [illegible] [illegible] has been [illegible] for the [illegible] of the [illegible] —

with respect

[signature illegible]

Nottingham [illegible]

Simon [illegible]

Respected friend

I have your favor of [illegible] with statement of [illegible] [illegible] specimens they prove to be a very [illegible] I have [illegible] many [illegible] as I shall [illegible] the [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible] buying for the present. I have [illegible] [illegible] in large [illegible] & shall [illegible] therefore [illegible] as many [illegible] as I [illegible]. I have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] —

with respect

your friend

[signature illegible]

I will [illegible] you [illegible] on the [illegible] from the [illegible] I have heard of you [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible]

Washington [illegible] Oct. 1817.

[illegible]

Dear Sir

[illegible]

Washington 25 Oct. 1817.

[illegible]

New Bedford [illegible] 18[illegible]

Messrs [illegible]

Respected friends

I have yours of [illegible]

[illegible]

with respect

your friend

Wm. [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford [illegible]

Messrs Henry [illegible] & Co
Gent^n

I have [illegible] yours of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. This is all the [illegible] [illegible] I shall have to send you this [illegible] & I cannot make any [illegible] before [illegible]. There [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Bark [illegible] [illegible] & probably there will not be any [illegible] [illegible] to your place from here this season.

The Bark will be ready [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by her you will receive [illegible] [illegible]

Respectfully yours
[illegible]

New Bedford [illegible]

Mr [illegible] [illegible]
Sir

I have your [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible]. I am [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], but [illegible] you can [illegible] the [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Respectfully yours
[illegible]

Montgomery [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Montgomery [illegible]

[illegible]

Respected [?] [illegible]

Enclosed [?] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] August [illegible] 1817

Havana [illegible]

Respected friend

[illegible]

[illegible] have on board [illegible] about [illegible] of very prime quality [illegible]

my wish to have made you a large shipment [illegible]

[illegible] but have been [illegible]

[illegible] with the captain. The [illegible]

[illegible] with [illegible]

[illegible] with a few [illegible] -

The whole [illegible] market [illegible]

the [illegible]

[illegible]

I have not [illegible]

not think I shall be able to [illegible] you [illegible]

[illegible] If you [illegible]

[illegible] to be back -

[illegible] a list of [illegible] which [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible] - The [illegible]

[illegible] you [illegible]

with [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 1817

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Respectfully yours

Wm. [illegible]

Martinsburg 18 Dec 1797

Mess. Henry Payson & Co

Baltimore

Gents

Herewith you have Invoice & bill of lading of 36 bbls Superfine Flour [illegible] on board Mess. Burke's, which [illegible] to best advantage & credit the proceeds to account —

Respectfully yours

Wm. T. [illegible]

[illegible] Mrs. Margaret [illegible]

Fish [illegible] [illegible]

Respected friend [illegible]

[illegible]

received a letter from Mary [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] in answer [illegible] the [illegible]
ship [illegible] - [illegible]
to take him [illegible] by [illegible]
of the [illegible] in that station
[illegible] in ship [illegible] of him - [illegible]
have no objections to the [illegible]
the goodness to [illegible] him as soon as possible after
the receipt of this [illegible] him he [illegible]
[illegible] in ship [illegible] him [illegible]
[illegible] to have [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] from one of the [illegible]
[illegible] on board. [illegible]
[illegible] but [illegible]
the last evening. he appears to be very anxious to
[illegible] as soon as possible as he [illegible]
engage to [illegible] [illegible]
this [illegible] he may have engaged himself
[illegible] by [illegible]
[illegible] after [illegible]

[illegible] Aug[?] [illegible] 1827[?]

Sir

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Aug[?] 10th 1827[?]

[illegible]

My dear Sir[?]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

with much [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Decr. [illegible]

[illegible]
Respected friend

Your letter of [illegible] has been received. [illegible] in New York [illegible] the time you [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] you can [illegible] [illegible] any charge of [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]
Respected friend

Your favor [illegible] [illegible] having [illegible] [illegible] of New York [illegible] with [illegible]

Your friend
[illegible]

Northampton 6 Jany 1828

Messrs [illegible] Mathews & Co

Gent.

Your favor of the [illegible] was duly received, but being [illegible] about that time it was forgotten until now. [illegible]

[illegible]

Respectfully yours

[illegible]

Northampton 6 Jany 1828

Dear Mr Mathews

Respected friend

Your favor of the [illegible] was duly received. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] 1838.

[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] your favor of [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] for
[illegible] for your [illegible] on Ship [illegible] —
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the New Orleans [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] — [illegible] you [illegible] to [illegible]
the [illegible] [illegible] you will be able to [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] will be [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] as your [illegible] at the [illegible] —
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible]
Ship [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible]
[illegible] the Ship as soon as [illegible] —
[illegible] you the compliments of the season —

Respectfully yours
[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] 1838

Joseph [illegible]
Dear Brother

I have been [illegible]
in getting insurance on Ship [illegible] [illegible]
you in Boston, they ask 6 per cent. [illegible]
[illegible] got at much cheaper for your [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible]
the [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — If you [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] done for you in Boston —
Capt. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Ship [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] any Ship of [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
they may be [illegible] — The [illegible] will be
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford 15 Sept. 1881.

Messrs Tiffany & [illegible]
Savannah, Geo.

Yours of 8th inst. enclosing a check from the [illegible] on the [illegible] Bank N York [illegible] day [illegible] [illegible] hundred [illegible] dollars, was received [illegible] last evening — According to your request I have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

I have the table [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for the [illegible] [illegible] —

with kind regards,
your friend
Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 15 Sep. 1881

Mr John D. Gaston
Portland, Me.

Dear Sir: Yours of 14th inst. enclosing Table of Sperm Oil was duly received & the table appears to be correct. — I have this day drawn on you [illegible] for their [illegible] of the [illegible] say $[illegible] payable 30 days [illegible] & also drawn on you for my [illegible] $[illegible] payable [illegible] — which drafts you will please pay & [illegible].

Respectfully yours
Wm T. Russell

[illegible] 29 [illegible] 1838

Samuel B. [illegible]
Respected friend
Thy favor of [illegible] at hand. I have drawn on you the last of the week for the balance of the Sperm [illegible] with the interest. — The Oil on the [illegible] may [illegible] after [illegible] from [illegible]
I wish you to [illegible] of the [illegible] in order [illegible] the amount of the [illegible] in the best terms you can. — [illegible] to be obliged if you will give me an account of the [illegible] [illegible] for sale there, as a part of it was pretty fine to them and what it [illegible] to charge them?
With much respect
Your friend
Wm [illegible]

[illegible] 30 Augt 1838

Daniel Anthony
Respected friend
I have drawn on thee at 4 days in favor of [illegible] for $1587.17 for proceeds [illegible] which you will please pay at maturity. [illegible] agreeable to the day. [illegible] shall draw on you the 20th for same. —
I have your favor of 15th inst advising of your having taken 30 casks of Oil [illegible], the price seems extremely low, but under the circumstances you mention it was best to do so. I hope you will be able to dispose of the other [illegible] better. — I do not expect Oil will go down much if any lower, should there be [illegible] for England again, which from late [illegible] may be expected, prices will advance. —
With much respect
Wm [illegible]

[illegible] 29th [illegible] 1851

[illegible] 163

Respected friend

I [illegible] you herewith [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] paying for [illegible] [illegible] of Ship [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] your [illegible] [illegible] half of Ship [illegible] [illegible] for the $[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] funds in your hands after [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to pay the balance due for Ship [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] your letter on the subject of the [illegible]. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

Wm. [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

Respected friend

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for $[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] of your [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for $[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Respectfully yours

Wm. [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] 1858.

[illegible] & Co.

Respected friends.

Annexed statement of [illegible] which I [illegible] you [illegible]. The sale of the [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] with the statement. The [illegible] is altogether [illegible] I [illegible] them. The [illegible] for [illegible] to [illegible] there [illegible] to you. I have [illegible] my [illegible] to you and I [illegible] charge you the [illegible] of the statement $2088.16 [illegible] –

with much respect

your friend

[illegible signature]

[illegible]

[illegible] 1858	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] 24.25	
[illegible] . . . — [illegible]	38.75
[illegible]	
[illegible] . . .	[illegible]
	$[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] pleasure [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] for the [illegible]

[illegible]

Respectfully yours

Wm. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] the same [illegible].

The [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] for the [illegible]

[illegible]

Respectfully yours

Wm. [illegible]

Mr [illegible]
New Orleans
Sir
[illegible]

Respectfully yours
Wm. [illegible]

Mecklenburg [illegible] July 1830

Mr John M. [illegible]
Norfolk
Dr Sir
Not having been the pleasure of hearing from you in a long time I am induced to write you to enquire if you have closed the sale of the 150 [illegible] sent you in March 1826. If there is any remaining on hand I beg you would dispose of them at some price & forward the sale as soon as convenient –
Respectfully yours
Wm. J. Hubbard

Nantucket 9 July. 1838.

Mr J. H. Fields
New Orleans
Dr Sir

I have your favors of 28 Nov & 31 Dec. the former advising your having remitted to Mess Fish Grinnell & Co $1202.11 – the latter of your having made them a remittance of $1050. [illegible] – the receipt of which they have acknowledged – Your sale of Oil [illegible] pr Margaret Scott & of Candles pr [illegible], have also been received & are accounted satisfactory – In future I wish you would render sales of each invoice separately, as the Oil & candles frequently belong to different owners – and it would give satisfaction to give the names of the purchasers in your sales – I should object to your making sales on a credit of six months – it increases the risk of bad debts. I would always prefer making a liberal discount for cash to extending the time.

I have now to advise you of having made a shipment of 100 boxes Sperm Candles & 20 casks [illegible] Oil, about 1100 gallons – [illegible]

[illegible] of the [illegible] –

[illegible]

Respectfully yours
[illegible]

New Bedford 18 July 1808

Dear [illegible]
Respected friend

I have [illegible] from London by the last packet [illegible] that [illegible] again [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on your [illegible] against [illegible] which [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] on [illegible] [illegible] on your [illegible] for $[illegible] [illegible] in my favor –

with much esteem
[illegible]

New Bedford July 18. 1808.

Messrs. Henry Payson & Co.
Baltimore. Gent.

I have your favor of 1st inst. with Sales of [illegible] Whale Oil & your account current. I find an error in your acct in calculating the Interest on $[illegible] after you took the [illegible] [illegible], it should be [illegible] which makes a difference of $[illegible] in my favor. If I am correct you will please credit me with that amount – the [illegible]

I have by the last accounts from England that Oil has again [illegible] there, I [illegible] [illegible] that it [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] this country –

with much respect
[illegible]

New Bedford 18 July 18[illegible]

Seth Grinnell Esq.
Respected friend

I have your favor of 16th inst with your acct. crediting the avails in [illegible]. I remember having a Commission of [illegible] of Wynn [illegible] I do not understand whether Sperm [illegible] or not. If the Oil which you have charged to [illegible] was paid to Wynn I presume it is correct. You have made a mistake in charging my proportion of the net proceeds of Oil shipped per Columbus. 1/16ths of $3077.11 = $1023.10. [illegible] you have credited me $[illegible].

[illegible] Capt. [illegible] favor of [illegible] Sch. [illegible]

Capt. [illegible] wishes to [illegible] a whaling voyage. [illegible] ship [illegible] to take charge of her. [illegible] ship [illegible]

with [illegible]

Wm. [illegible]

New Bedford [illegible] 18[illegible]

Messrs. Crane [illegible] & Co.
Liverpool
Gent.

I am desirous to ascertain whether Sperm Oil from the U. States can be taken in your market [illegible] to pay the cost & charges of shipment. The latest advices from London quote Sperm Oil at £[illegible] for the unrefined. I presume body Oil on the spot which I believe has never been [illegible] manufactory of Sperm Candles [illegible] I presume the Oil for that market must be [illegible] that is the Oil [illegible] ready for burning before it is offered for sale. In this state a considerable quantity was shipped to London from New Bedford [illegible]. Being interested in the [illegible] of Sperm Oil [illegible] to ascertain the [illegible] I should be obliged for any information you may give on the subject. [illegible]

[illegible] 9 July 1805

Fish Grinnell & Co

Respected friends

Your favor of [illegible] of 14th instant was received last evening — The favorable accounts from England of the [illegible] of sperm Oil have induced us to make a shipment — We shall send you by the Experiment about 200 barrels in hogsheads to go by the Corinthian & you would have the goodness to secure room for it — The Experiment will begin to load tomorrow & will be off by Sunday the 22nd — May it not perhaps be of some advantage to advise Messrs [illegible] & [illegible] by the first packet for L'pool of this shipment they can then sell before arrival if it should be to our interest — You can assure them the Oil is similar & quite equal in quality to the 60 casks sent per Columbia it is Body Oil & the [illegible] have no [illegible] in Oil on board & cannot [illegible] it at this season of the year —

You made a charge of [illegible] on the Oil [illegible] per Columbia for putting which [illegible] written you — Please inform us whether you expect a [illegible] on this [illegible] shipment —

Have you any information whether there is [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] I [illegible] you to inform us [illegible] from the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

With much respect

[illegible]

New Bedford 30th July 1838 -

Bidwell Hawkins
Respected friend
Annexed you have Invoice of 30 tierces White Oil on board Ship Experiment which sell to best advantage & credit the proceeds as usual. It will be better to sell it before than keep it over the summer. The quality you will find to be very good. Fish Grinnell & Co have Oil on board the Experim.t marked the same as yours - you will be careful to distinguish it from theirs -

with much respect
Wm. R. Rodman

New Bedford 30 July 1838

Fish Grinnell & Co
Respected friends
Enclosed you have Invoice of 48 casks Body Oil on board Ship Experiment which you will have the goodness to ship per the Corinthian to London consigned to Geo. Wildes & Co the proceeds of which they are directed to hold subject to your order.

Also is enclosed Invoice 30 tierces White Oil which sell to best advantage & credit the proceeds as usual. It would be better to sell it before than keep it over the summer. The quality you will find to be very good.

You will please send me bill of lading of the 48 casks of Oil shipped by the Corinthian as soon as you get it receipted there -

with much respect
Wm. R. Rodman

New Bedford 21st Feby 1828

Messrs C. Hathaway & Co
Mobile Gents

I write to ask you to inform me whether your Ship C Hathaway expects to go to Havana. The object of my enquiry is to know whether she would be in Havana [illegible] to write to him to inform Capt Hammond of Ship Minerva who is bound there from the River La Plata & will probably be in Havana in March. Please also inform me whether there is any prospect [illegible] to Havana [illegible] from your port —

with much respect

Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 26th Feby 1828

[illegible]

[illegible]

When you [illegible] [illegible] for the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] which you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Respectfully yours

Wm T. [illegible]

New Bedford 26 Feby. 1838

Mr. W. Brastow
Boston
Sir

Herewith you have [illegible] Bill on the City Bank for [illegible] and Capt. Abner Coffin's draft on you in favor [illegible] Hogan - The draft is endorsed which you will please to have accepted. I take the liberty of permitting you to pay the postage of your letter -

Respectfully yours
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 28 Feby. 1838

Capt. Wm. Hammond
Havana
Dear Sir

I have just received your letter dated Havana [illegible] informing me of your having taken the [illegible] to load with produce [illegible] for Havana - I have now to direct you to invest all your funds in Havana in Sugar suitable for the [illegible] market & proceed to that port - from thence to [illegible] taking [illegible] cargo of Iron back to New Bedford. If you have not sufficient funds to load the Ship so small you can fill up with freight.

The [illegible] has lost most her former Sugar at Havana [illegible] to New York being [illegible] the voyage - I should much prefer [illegible] to [illegible] if [illegible] profitable to make that arrangement -

[illegible] with you by this conveyance [illegible] in Havana to assist you in your business. I hope with you at Havana after [illegible] of your arrival there the family is well.

Yours [illegible]
[illegible] Russell

New Bedford 31st Jany 1838

Fish Grinnell & Co

Respected friends

I wrote you the 30th inst requesting you to recommend a good house in Havana to Capt. Hammond of ship Minerva who is bound there from the River La Plata. As Capt. Hammond will not have quite freight enough to load the ship with Sugar it has occurred to me whether you cannot make an arrangement with Mr Crockett to fill up the Minerva at the ordinary freight in Havana or on condition she shall be consigned to his friends in Havana. Please make this proposal to Mr Crockett & inform me whether he accedes to it.

Respectfully yours

Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 7 March 1838

Fish Grinnell & Co

Respected friends

Capt. Clark has pretty much given up undertaking a whale voyage and is only too anxious to take charge of a ship on shares and buy one. When I first wrote you on the subject of purchasing a ship Capt. Clark gave encouragement that he would go a whale voyage. It was at his request I wrote you. But when it came to the point to decide his heart failed.

If Mr Crockett concludes to fill up the Minerva you will please advise your friend in Havana of it. I will thank you to inform me the price of pickled beef in Havana the last sale & the only better expense on it. Also the price of Sugar.

Respectfully yours

Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 6 March 1838

Daniel Anthony

Respected friend

I have your favor of the 2d informing me of your having sold about 1000 gals of your Oil at $1.10 6 months Cr. to Peter F. Coffin of Nantucket. I am surprised you should have made this sale after the receipt of my letter of 10th of Feby. in which I advised you of the rise of Oil in England & consequently that it would probably rise here. I cautioned you particularly to be on your guard against speculators, but not to refuse an offer of $1.00. The very circumstance which I wished to guard you against in my letter of 10th Feby has occurred. that you have allowed yourself to be speculated upon by an Oil manufacturer to take a price far below my limits. I consider you were not authorised to sell our Oil at any price under $1.00 after the receipt of my letter of 10th Feby. and I wish you to understand that the [illegible] do not consider ourselves to be bound to this bargain. I do not know much about the standing of P. F. Coffin. but I should not be willing to take his note without a satisfactory endorser.

Suppose I that [illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] to [illegible]

with much respect

Wm J [illegible]

Washington 6 March 1858

[illegible]

New Bedford 18 March 1831

Samuel L. Allen Esq
Respected friend

Annexed you have Invoice 23 Casks Winter Oil on board Schr Fame Capt Nye which please receive & sell to best advantage — remit the proceeds as usual.

I drew on you the 10th of Feby for $500. I have not been called upon for payment of a parcel of which Oil purchased for you, the person of whom I purchased it residing out of town. I have thought you will be remitting for the balance. Also 1 cask sperm Invite your kindly notice —

Respectfully yours
Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 20 March 1831

Messrs David Wilkinson & Co
Gentn

I have not had the pleasure of hearing from you since writing you last Dec on the subject of the Hydrostatic press. The press still remains at the Oil works. I expect accordingly it will not answer our purposes. I shall want a tough press this Spring, but as I have no idea that a Hydrostatic press of sufficient power will work quite so economically, I think of getting an old fashion tough press, and will thank you to inform me whether you have a screw with a complete box on hand, & if not how long it will take to make one & the price of it. I should wish the Hydrostatic press removed this Spring as it will be in the way of putting up a new press.

Respectfully yours
Wm T. Russell

[illegible]

Messrs Davis [illegible]
Boston

Gentlemen

[illegible]

Yours [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford 22 March 1838.

C. A. Heckscher Esq
New York
Sir

I have received your
favor of 19th inst relative to loading a part of ship
Minerva from Havana to Bremen and accept
your proposition, for you to put in one fourth of the
cargo at the current rate of freight in Havana at
the time the ship is loading — The Minerva is a
[illegible] carrier, but I presume her frame will take
[illegible] tons than 3/4ths with sugar — I have directed
Capt Hammond to invest all his funds in sugar.
The Minerva ought to be in Havana about the
time that will be obtain, some time in discharging
her cargo of [illegible] — Notice should be
sent in informing your friends in Havana of
an arrangement. The ship will be consigned
to Messrs Manteiro Shire & Co in Havana —

I am with much respect
your friend
Wm R Rodman

New Bedford 22 March 1838

Messrs Manteiro Shire & Co
Havana
Gent

I take the liberty of
addressing you from the recommendation of my
friends Messrs Fish Grinnell & Co of New York
relative to ship Minerva Capt Hammond
which vessel I expect to arrive soon in Havana
from Buenos Ayres with a cargo of hides &c
on freight — The Minerva will have funds
to the amount of about [illegible] dollars with her
freight which I have directed Capt Hammond
to invest in sugar suitable for the Bremen market
the amount I presume will about 3/4ths load
her and I have made arrangement with Mr C
A Heckscher of New York to have the balance say
1/4th at the current rate of freight at the time the
ship is loading.

I have to request you will give Capt Ham-
mond all the assistance in your power to the
quickest possible dispatch.

With much respect
Your obt servant
Wm R Rodman

New Bedford 22. March 1831

Richard Alsop Esq.
Phila.

Sir

My friends Mess. Fish Grinnell & Co. of New York have referred me to you for information of the market in Chili & Peru. — Having it in contemplation together with some of my friends here to make up a voyage for the Pacific Ocean I shall be much obliged by your giving me your latest advices from that quarter & also a memorandum of a cargo of such articles as in your opinion will pay best, to the amount of about 20000 dolls. —

With much respect
your obt. servt.
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 22. March 1831

Capt. Wm. Hammond
Havana

Dear Sir

I wrote you on the 20 July directing you on your arrival in Havana to invest the [illegible] in Sugar suitable for the Havana market & proceed to that port. I presume you will have already [illegible] of the cargo. I have made arrangements with Mr. [illegible] of New York agent for Mess. C & T. Delius of Havana to [illegible] at the current rate of freight in Havana. On your arrival in Havana address the ship & cargo to Mess. C & T. Delius. — You will find letters there from me with a memorandum of the kind of [illegible] which will best suit this market. —

I have written to Mess. [illegible] & Co. of Havana requesting them to assist you in any business. You will consult them & be governed by their opinion in the purchase of your cargo. Your family are in good health.

With much regard
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 26 March 18[illegible]

Mr. John B. Harmon
Norfolk
Sir

I have received your favors of the 8th inst. the first enclosing draft on Boston to the amt. of 516 67/100 dolls. the other enclosing sales of 160 boxes candles and your account all which is correct and satisfactory. For the balance due you I annex my draft on Messrs Henry Tyson & Co Baltimore for 47 19/100 dolls at sight.

I should like in future to send you some invoices of candles say 30 or 50 boxes at a time if you would like to continue to receive them.

Respectfully yours
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 26 March 18[illegible]

$47 19/100. At sight please pay to the order of Mr. John B. Harmon Forty seven 19/100 dollars value received and charge the same to acct. of
Your friend
Wm. T. Russell

To Messrs Henry Tyson & Co
Baltimore

New Bedford 26 March 18[illegible]

Messrs Henry Tyson & Co
Baltimore
Gent.

I have taken the liberty to draw on you in favor Mr. John B. Harmon at sight for 47 19/100 dolls which please pay when presented.

There has been a considerable shipment of Oil in New Bedford lately, about 800 bbls have been shipped to England but this does not affect the price of Whale Oil at this season of the year. If you can sell the last shipment of oil for better than to keep it over the summer.

Please keep me informed of the price of whale Oil in your market. I am expecting some oil ... I should like to send you a small consignment say 200 bbls if you can sell it at a fair price.

With much respect
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 26 March 1838

Messrs. Rabaud Brothers & Co.
Marseilles
Gent.

I have received your favors of 26 July – 12th & 19th Dec. and regret to hear such gloomy accounts of the price of Sperm oil. I do not feel willing to sell at present at less than 36 c. to net that price. It is worth that here, and as no more will be sent from this country while prices are so low with you. I have no doubt you will be able to sell it before long so as to net 36 c. or more. The proceeds you will please hold subject to the order of Messrs. Fish Grinnell & Co. of New York.

I am respectfully
your obt. Servt.
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 21 Apr. 1838

Saml. L. Bulkley
Respected friend

Your favor of 26 March covering sales 33 casks W. Oil, & your draft on Wm. Hathaway Junr. for $ 480.76/100, came to hand during my absence. The sales are satisfactory, the draft was duly paid & is placed to your credit.

The Owners of Ship Lion continue to importune me for the Oil which was in my shipment to you last summer. They make the quantity which came, as near as Capt. [illegible] of ship Lion 378 gals. which at 33 c. is $ [illegible].

I am desirous to have it settled & if you are satisfied with paying the amount say $ [illegible], I will leave it to them & charge it to your acct.

Respectfully yours
Wm. T. Russell

[illegible] 30. [illegible] 1838.

[illegible] Esq.

Respected friend

Annexed you have Invoice [illegible] which you will ship to London for [illegible] [illegible] unless you can [illegible] it for 60 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] shipping to London. The [illegible] [illegible] as can be made -

Respectfully yours

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford 10 May 1838

Gideon Hawkes
Respected friend

Lately on your favour of [illegible] which I have so far [illegible] with you a good [illegible] as to draw you [illegible] Oil for [illegible] I cannot think of selling Whale Oil at the present prices in New Bedford & have therefore sent you only one bbl as a sample. I [illegible] not [illegible] for the whole of my [illegible] Whale Oil — I am [illegible] you [illegible] as you which you might [illegible]

I do not want any [illegible] at present —

Will you have the goodness to [illegible] bills & Sunday & [illegible] for a half [illegible] of [illegible] months of [illegible] which I [illegible] the ship & charge it to my account —

Respectfully yours
Wm. R. Rodman

New Bedford 21 May 1838

Messrs C. Hathaway & Co
Boston

I have 50 boxes of refined Spermaceti which I wish to ship to [illegible] — Will you have the goodness to inform me if there is any vessel leaving there from your port soon, that can take it & what the freight would be. The boxes are about the same size as [illegible] boxes & weigh about 100 lbs.

How do you progress in sales of Oil —

Respectfully yours
Wm. R. Rodman

[illegible]

New Bedford 22 May 1838.

Fish Grinnell & Co

Respected friends

I have your favor of [illegible] [illegible] order for [illegible] Sperm Candles. [illegible] with [illegible] according to your [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] which will probably be as [illegible] as any [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] first conveyance. The Sale of the boxes [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the time [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

I [illegible] [illegible] 300 boxes of [illegible] [illegible] ready in a few days for a [illegible]. I [illegible] you would [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of them [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to you at that [illegible].

Respectfully yours

Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 22 May 1838

Mess. C. Hathaway & Co

Gents

I have your favor of 20 inst. — I will send 50 boxes [illegible] by the Traveller to sail the last of this week. if she does not get them in time to go by Brig Roscius I will be in time for Brig [illegible]. I do not wish to consign this shipment to a [illegible]. There is a house in [illegible] who formerly received consignments of [illegible] from [illegible] [illegible] & sold [illegible] to better advantage than a [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by the Roscius must be consigned to the [illegible], it [illegible] be an objection to [illegible] this shipment by her.

[illegible] I have no Sperm Candles on hand having disposed of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on the [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the course of the summer, but it [illegible] [illegible] not [illegible] —

with much esteem

Wm. T. Russell

[illegible] 1851

Messrs C. Hathaway [illegible]
Gents

I have [illegible]
[illegible] which [illegible]
[illegible] after [illegible]
[illegible] inform [illegible]
[illegible] bought [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] same [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
for you [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Very truly your friend
[illegible] Russell

New Bedford 27th May 1851

Samuel C. Blackington [illegible]
Respected friend

I duly rec'd your favor of 22d ult. but have deferred replying to it under the expectation that some of the [illegible] ships would arrive, that I could give you some satisfactory information relative to the price of [illegible] Oil. Only two ships have yet arrived & they brought no [illegible] The last cargo was [illegible] the [illegible] were purchased by the Owners at [illegible] which is nominally the price now. I am expecting a ship in every day & should be willing to contract to take her cargo at [illegible]. I have had an offer of 38 [illegible]. I have no doubt [illegible] will go down to 34 [illegible] after the ships have all arrived [illegible]. I advise you not to be in haste to purchase. I will write you again on the subject when I can give you any further information.

Respectfully yours
[illegible] Russell

New Bedford [illegible] 1838

Josh. Grinnell Esq.

Respected friend

I send you per Ship [illegible] New Ship Lancaster Whalebone 212 bundles weighing 8119 lb which sold for cash from the vessel & I will send as soon as [illegible] on acct of [illegible] the voyage. I also send you by the New Haven Steam Packet [illegible] bags [illegible] as you directed [illegible] as I [illegible] [illegible] bbls [illegible] 277 - 278 - 267 - 279 [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] ought to be [illegible] for I find it a great deal of work to [illegible] them in this [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] you. but [illegible] to you. [illegible] better [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] if they are [illegible] right. [illegible] [illegible] any alteration [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] 25 cts each to [illegible].

Respectfully yours

Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 9 June 1838

Saml. C. Bunting

Respected friend

I am writing you the eight whale [illegible] ships here [illegible] which will [illegible] bringing about 14000 bbls. One of the ships the Lancaster in which I am interested arrived a week ago & I immediately sold her oil at 95 cts. This is the only sale that has yet been made out of these cargoes. Whale oil sold at 36 cts but there is no purchasers at that price. I have no doubt it may be purchased at 35 cts in a few days & probably at 33 cts but I do not feel [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] will go down to the latter point. [illegible] or three of my friends would be [illegible] to ship to [illegible] & I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in company with them to [illegible] better advantage than to [illegible] alone. [illegible] [illegible] better [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] immediately if you wish to buy this [illegible].

with much respect

Wm. T. Russell

Nottingham 16 June 1838.

Fitch Cunningham & Co

Respected friends

I have drawn on you this day at 60 days after date for Jos Mitchell for 3400 dolls on acct of ship [illegible] which I am [illegible] by you. I have been obliged to draw on you for this amt. towards paying off the owners of ship [illegible]. I sold the whole bill to the [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible] with interest [illegible] I could get the Note at [illegible] discounted at the Bank. before presenting it to day for [illegible] Bank. [illegible] The owners I have they are [illegible] [illegible] amount to upwards of 8000 dolls. [illegible] about 2000. [illegible] drawn on you for that amt. [illegible] the [illegible] until the expiration of 60 days [illegible] Bank [illegible] to your credit. [illegible] any difficulty in getting the Note [illegible] [illegible]

with much respect

Wm T. Russell

Nottingham 2[illegible] June 18[illegible]

Saml C. [illegible]

Respected friend

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for you. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for the present.

[illegible] can you get for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

with much respect

Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 26 June 1838

[illegible]

Respected friend

I have not a letter from [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] the 15th or 16th of this month [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] which I think [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the ship to New Bedford [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the ship [illegible]

I [illegible] 3d of July —

[illegible]

Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 1st July 1838.

Mr Lorenzo Coon

Nantucket

Enclosed I hand you Wm [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] account with the Owners of Ship [illegible] — balance due the former [illegible] dollars — [illegible] is subject to your order — balance due the latter [illegible] dollars subject to the order of [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] voyage until within a few days which is the cause of my not forwarding the account before —

Respectfully yours

Wm T. Russell

Washington 7 July 1831.

Mr Samuel Owen
Sixth Auditor's

I have received your letter of the 1st inst enclosing orders for Seymour Hastings for the engagement in Ship Pearsons? as also the balance due them. According to your directions I now enclose thirty dollars to Seth. I have also enclosed it in a letter to Freeman Percival by the mail twenty one dollars.

with respect
Wm J. Russell

Washington 7 July 1831.

Mr Freeman Percival
Sixth Auditor's

By direction of Samuel Owen I enclose twenty one dollars, being for balance due Benj.n Pegral for his engag in ship Pearsons.

with respect
Wm J. Russell

New Bedford 11 July 1828.

Mess. E H Dubois
Gent.

We take the liberty of sending you a duplicate order for glass ware, as per memorandum enclosed. The whole to be strawberry cut, as per pattern sent by Capt. Delano. [illegible] the [illegible] to which glass of the best quality [illegible] we would please charge to our account.

With much respect
Your friends
William R. Rotch

Dessert & Fruit set of Glass ware
3 large Sallad bowls on standers
3 doz. deep dessert plates 9 inches
2 Cream jugs
2 Sugar bowls
3 [illegible] dishes 6 at 10 in. 6 at 8 in.
 3 at 7 in. 6 at 5 in. - - - - -
4 pickle [illegible] 6 in.
3 Celery glasses 10 inches high including the stand & handsomely [illegible]
1 Liquor bottles on standers to hold about 1 pint
8 [illegible] bottles on standers to hold about 1 pint
12 [illegible] plates 9 inches
1 [illegible] dishes with [illegible] for each to stand in.
3 Round dishes 12 in. 3 at 10 in. 3 at 8 in. 3 at 6 in.
3 Glass pitchers to hold 1 pint.

The whole to be strawberry cut as per pattern sent by Capt. Delano.

[illegible]

New Bedford [illegible] Sept 1833.

Mr William [illegible]
Sandwich
Sir

Enclosed is my check on the Bedford Com. Bank for [illegible] the balance due you for [illegible] Ship Timoleon as per statement annexed, the receipt of which you will please acknowledge.

Respectfully Yours
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 21 Sept 1833.

Fish Grinnell & Co
Respected friends

Please send on by the [illegible] of the Ann 1100 sheets sheathing Copper for the Timoleon of the following sizes.

200	sheets	28 oz
250	"	26
250	"	24
200	"	22
200	"	20

also 20 bbls Tar & 2 bbls Rosin. The Timoleon will also want a chain Cable for the [illegible] of 1 7/8 inch, [illegible] second hand one as well as a [illegible] you can find one in the course of [illegible] weeks from this time. If you cannot get a second hand one at the expiration of that time, [illegible] a new one. 75 fathoms will be long enough.

with much respect
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 9 Aug 1838.

[illegible] & Co.
Havana.

Gent.

Enclosed [illegible] a power of attorney from the Owners of [illegible] authorizing you to [illegible] their ship. the place where it may [illegible] [illegible].

Would you like to receive a [illegible] of Spermaceti Candles from me [illegible] what price do they generally bear in your market & what quantity can you dispose of in the course of a year. [illegible] [illegible] manufacturing of Spermaceti [illegible] an object for me to ship Sperm Candles [illegible] to a foreign port where it [illegible] than the [illegible] in the U States. [illegible] and you [illegible] [illegible] at a time. I should be glad to hear from you on this subject, and your [illegible] [illegible] the power of attorney.

with much [illegible]
Yours [illegible]
Wm T. [illegible]

New Bedford 8 Aug 1838.

Fish Grinnell & Co.

Respected friends.

Please [illegible] marked for Ship [illegible] which you will please send me by first packet.

50 bbls. N.Y. [illegible] [illegible]
40 bbls Prime Pork
2 Tierces Rice
1 bag Rio Coffee
1 Chest Souchong Tea
10 bbls [illegible] [illegible]
8 bbls [illegible] ditto good quality.
1 Cask Raisins.

Wishing you to be particular to get [illegible] [illegible] & Pork which is [illegible] I [illegible] suitable for a long voyage.

with much respect
Wm T. [illegible]

New Bedford 15 Augt 1838

Rich. Grinnell &Co

Respected friends

Mr J H Sailer of New Orleans has sent me his act made up to 14 Inst in which he charges me with a remittance of $[illegible] in Dec 1837 made to you of which I have no knowledge, and am inclined to believe it is a mistake - will you have the goodness to examine your books and advise me as [illegible] the remittances you have received from him. I have never received any other remittances from Mr Sailer than those which have come through your house.

The article by the [illegible] and the [illegible] is correct -

with much respect

Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 18 Augt 1838

Messrs D. Wilkinson &Co

Pawtucket

Gent.

Annexed is Invoice [illegible] Winter Oil & [illegible] [illegible] Bill on [illegible] [illegible] for your account amounting to $[illegible]. The balance due you for the freight [illegible] $[illegible] will be paid you by [illegible]. If you will refer to our agreement made you will perceive the Bill was not to be delivered in [illegible]. The price was the same as I [illegible] as I should be willing to take [illegible]. The Oil is of the best quality. I could have sold your inferior Oil at a high price -

with much respect

Wm T. Russell

The [illegible] will be ready to leave tomorrow

New Bedford 20 Aug.st 1838.

Fish Grinnell & Co

Respected friends

I have your favor of the 15 inst. Mr Fisher's account agrees with your statement & no doubt is correct.

We will furnish 500 to 1000 boxes of Sperm candles in two or three months & authorize you to sell the same at 36 c four months. I could send you two or three hundred boxes next week & the remainder as fast as we can make them. If Mr Giles is in N York please give my respects to him & tell him I am preparing some candles to send him next month.

with much respect

Wm J. Rotch

New Bedford 22 Aug 1838

Mr Wm H. Tupper & Co

Sir

[illegible]

which please inform him [illegible] I am absent on [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] them.

Respectfully yours

Wm J. Rotch

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Washington [illegible]

Sir

Gentlemen

[illegible] the [illegible] amount [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Joseph [illegible] for his son Thomas [illegible] the sum of [illegible] hundred [illegible] dollars [illegible] until [illegible] shall have attained the age of 21 years [illegible] the event of his death [illegible] to revert to his father the s^d [illegible]

William [illegible] the same for his son [illegible] hundred dollars to remain until [illegible] when the s^d [illegible] shall have attained the age of 21 years, in case of death to revert to the father

Ditto — for his son William [illegible] dollars to remain until [illegible] the s^d [illegible] shall have attained the age of 21 years, in case of death to revert to the [illegible]

[illegible]

You will please [illegible] your [illegible] to the [illegible]

[illegible] your [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] Sir [illegible]

Your [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

2^d Augt 1838

Wm. [illegible] Russell

To [illegible] Hathaway & Co

New Bedford 3d July 1828

Mr. Wm. H. Jefferson
Sir

I have just rec'd your letter of 28th — It is impossible for me to take the man you have shipped for the Francis — I have a full complement already shipped & if any one should be out of the way when the ship is ready for sea. I cannot see how I am under obligations to take him after receiving your letter of 24th. in which you say "I have another who will take the birth you offer perhaps I may be able to obtain one or two more of the same description for you" — You surely could not suppose I was under obligations to wait upon the uncertainty — Suppose I cannot take the young man. I would willingly have secured a birth for him if you had given any better encouragement than a "perhaps" — or had requested me to wait until I heard from you again — or had [illegible] [illegible] —

Respectfully yours
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford [illegible] September 18[illegible]

Capt Eber Clark
Respected friend

The voyage which the Owners of the Ship Timoleon have marked out for you — is to cruise for Sperm Oil in the Pacific Ocean until the season comes round to go to the North West coast, which we are told from [illegible] is the 1st of May — Then proceed to the North West coast & take any Oil you can get — If you do not fill the Ship in the course of the season say from May to Nov. you will go on the coast of California for Sea Elephant — The Oil which you obtain you are at liberty to sell at any ports either in the Pacific or on this side of the coast if you can sell so as to net the following prices in the United States — viz Whale Oil 30 cts Whale Bone 30 cts — Elephant Oil 35 cts — the body of Sperm Oil 65 cts — Head Matter together 75 cts — for the sale of which the Owners will allow you two & one half per cent on the net proceeds of them — we prefer your investing your funds in Specie or Bullion of any kind in preference to produce — The Shallop we wish you to build, if you do not have occasion to use her & sell buy on the best terms you can — Perhaps you may be able to obtain some fur skins of the Natives on the North West coast in barter for things which may be spared from the Ship — Should you be successful & make a short voyage, also all the profits & [illegible] of any kind except barely enough to bring the Ship home — Although I have marked the plan of the voyage which we expect you to pursue, yet you are at liberty to vary from it should you think it would be to the interest of the concerned — There is now no insurance on the ship — should there hereafter be any insurance it will be done by the year, with liberty to whale, take Sea Elephant, trade, or stop at any ports for the purpose of trade or refreshment, or in short any lawful business which you may need to pursue — We expect of you to take the same of particularly if you fall in with any of the North West traders there & the Indians [illegible] by them — I have a letter at any port where you stop —

Wishing you a pleasant & prosperous voyage
I remain with much respect
your friend
[illegible] Russell

New Bedford 29 Sept 1838

Mr. J. H. Riley
New Orleans
Sir
Annexed you have Invoice
12 Casks Sperm Oil [illegible] shipped per [illegible]
and you will [illegible] to the care of [illegible]
[illegible] & Co. who will forward you bill of lading
from there. You will dispose of them to best
advantage & remit the proceeds to [illegible]
&c. [illegible] you can [illegible]
you can encourage the shipment of them [illegible]
with hope you [illegible] through the [illegible]
I am not [illegible] with [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]
with you is [illegible] to be [illegible]. I think you
might [illegible] for [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] you [illegible]
[illegible]
Respectfully yours
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 6 Oct. 1838.

Rich. Swinson & Co.
Respected friends
I hand you per Consignment
50 Casks Winter Oil as per Invoice. This Oil is
not quite so light coloured as some I have sold the
[illegible] on [illegible] terms if you can get 75 cts on the
wharf it will be better to sell than to store &
Cask it the same as it stands –
Respectfully yours
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 10 Oct 1838

Samuel C. Ward Esq

Respected friend

Enclosed an Invoice of two parcels of Whale Oil sent you for [illegible] which you will please receive & sell to best advantage. — The Price [illegible] in the parcels, but in other respects that made [illegible] quite as good, and there is not so much difference in the colour as to make any difference in the price. [illegible] with [illegible] of the parcels being [illegible] —

Respectfully yours

Wm R. Rodman

New Bedford [illegible] Oct 1838

Mr Thomas [illegible]

Esqr

I send you per sloop Caroline 25 Barrels very fine Whale Oil, which you will please receive & sell to best advantage. [illegible] of the parcels to the credit of [illegible] [illegible] to my credit. [illegible] Whale Oil [illegible] I hope [illegible] being a good [illegible] —

with regard yours

Wm R. Rodman

New Bedford 18 Oct. 1838.

James Hale Esq.
Pres. N.E. Marine Insur. Co.
Boston

Sir

What premium will
you ask on ship Timoleon Obed Clark master
bound from hence on a whaling voyage to the
Pacific Ocean with liberty to cruise on the N.W.
coast or in any of the harbours on that coast or to
take sea Elephant on the coast of California - also
to stop at any of the Ports in the Pacific on [illegible]
side of the coast for the purpose of taking Oil -
beside the general liberty to stop at any ports for
refreshments - The voyage is not expected to be
more than two years. - You may ask a premium
for the voyage or for 12 Months with a pro
rata premium after that time or on a yearly
policy - The Timoleon [illegible]
is [illegible] and is now newly fitted with
[illegible] in the most complete manner [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] - she will be ready
for sea about next Tuesday -

Respectfully yours
Wm. T. Russell

An early answer is requested -

New Bedford [illegible] 1838

Mr. Henry [illegible]

New Bedford 30 Oct. 1838.

Mr. George [illegible]

[illegible]

your friend
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford [illegible] Oct. 182[illegible]

Mess. [illegible] & Co.

Gent.

I have sent you for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] which you will please [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Respectfully yours

Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 25 Nov. 182[illegible]

Mr Henry Pinkham

Sir

I have received your letter respecting [illegible]— I wish him kept in Jail until further orders & I will be accountable for his board. You will please write to [illegible] the deputy sheriff to that effect. For your attention in this business please accept my thanks—

Respectfully yours

Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 29 Nov. 18[illegible]

Mr John R. Thompson
Norfolk

Dear Sir

I have received your favor of 18th inst enquiring the price of 50 or 100 boxes Sperm Candles — I should be willing to deliver them in Norfolk for 36 cts Cash. But it is so seldom there is any vessel going from here to Norfolk that it is very uncertain whether there would be any opportunity to send them for a long time. I could send them to Baltimore or New York if that would suit as well.

with much respect,
your friend
Wm. J. Rotch

New Bedford 25 Nov. 1832.

William Sturgis Esq

Dear Sir

Capt Cunningham will hand you two Charts of the N.W. Coast which you have the goodness to loan to the Owners of Ship Timoleon — for which you will please accept my thanks, and a tender of my services at any time when I can repay the obligation —

with much respect,
your friend
Wm. J. Rotch

New Bedford 3 Dec. 1838.

[illegible] Esq
Respected friend

Annexed you have
Invoice 100 boxes Sperm Candles in boxes [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Credit the proceeds
as advised — I also send you by the [illegible]
2 packages of Candles [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
which is charged to you but as each [illegible] —
I have been obliged to wait for the [illegible]
[illegible] which is the cause of your not having it
before —

With much respect
Your friend
[illegible]

New Bedford 5 Dec 1838

Mr Thomas Whitridge
Dear Sir

Annexed you have
Invoice 4 Casks Winter Sperm Oil, which
sell to best advantage & credit the proceeds as
usual — I have not seen any White Oil on
hand, but shall make some as soon as the weather
is cold enough & will send you a shipment
should it be wanted, in the course of next month

With respect
Your friend
[illegible]

New Bedford 9 Dec 1838.

Mr J. M. [illegible]
New Orleans

Dear Sir

Enclosed you have Invoice [illegible] Sperm Candles and 30 Casks [illegible] Sperm Oil sent you per Brig [illegible] [illegible] Master which you will please receive & dispose of to best advantage — There is four casks of the Oil [illegible] but nine large casks [illegible] [illegible] I hope you will be able to [illegible] it at a few cents less than the market price — I intended to make you a larger shipment of Candles by this vessel but could not get them ready in time — On the subject of Commission I would say I do not feel satisfied with your proposition only to receive storage on Candles — I hope you will [illegible] for your interest to [illegible] [illegible] otherwise I shall be under the necessity of [illegible] another correspondent as soon as I can do better —

With much respect
your friend
Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 18 Dec 1838.

Mrs Susan Stillman
Middletown Ct

Madam

Your letter of the [illegible] relating to the return of the balance due your son [illegible] Stillman [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] which I can [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] your Stillman [illegible] [illegible] the time he left the Ship — which [illegible] [illegible] — If you can devise any means to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] or by any other [illegible] I should be glad to settle it —

I am respectfully yours
Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 18 Dec 1838.

Joseph Grinnell
& Moses H Grinnell

Dear Brothers

Enclosed are your
accounts. balance due [illegible] from Jos. Grinnell
$9932.22. balance due M H Grinnell $2016.78
interest calculated to Dec 31. 1838. By way of
explanation to Jos. Grinnell [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] bills against the [illegible] was [illegible] at
the time the account was balanced [illegible] finally [illegible]
[illegible] with him by his making a deduction of about
$900. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] there is nothing which appears
extravagant. the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Commission on [illegible] [illegible] which being
[illegible] to compare with the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] $32.50.

with much regard
[illegible]

New Bedford 24 Dec 1838

Messrs [illegible] [illegible] & Co
[illegible]

I have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in Oct. [illegible] I have
[illegible] in hand. [illegible] which I [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by your [illegible] [illegible] by the
[illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible].

With much regard
your friend
[illegible]

New Bedford [illegible] Dec 1838.

Samuel C. [illegible]

Respected friend

Enclosed is my account

balance due on [illegible] 1838 $[illegible] — The balance of the account you out of the whale Oil purchased for you in Oct 1837, which was due [illegible] 1837 I have therefore calculated interest from that time — [illegible] to please if you would remit me the balance early in Jany. by a check on one of the Boston Banks — if that is not to be had, a check on a New York Bank will answer — I cannot draw on you without having [illegible] — The [illegible] [illegible] ship by first opportunity, either by the way of Nantucket or Boston to the care of [illegible]

with much respect

your friend

Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 2 Jany 1839.

Mr. John R. [illegible]

Norfolk

Dear Sir

I have your favor of 23 Ult. ordering 120 boxes Sperm Candles for Wm. [illegible] & Capron & [illegible]. I now forward them per Schr. [illegible] Capt. Bradford, as per Invoice & Bill of lading enclosed — The amount you will please remit by a check from one of your Banks on one of the New York or Boston Banks if practicable if not, remit it to Mess. Henry [illegible] & [illegible] —

Very truly

your friend

Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 2 Jany 1839

Gideon Howland

Respected friend

I have received your favor of 29th ult enclosing your account balance due me $[illegible]. I drew on you the 29 Dec at 30 days after date for $[illegible] which I suppose was about the balance due me. As the [illegible] is about ready to leave I [illegible] drawing on you of any draft by him. I regret having [illegible] but as the sum is so trifling I have rather let it [illegible] [illegible] you another [illegible]. I should not have drawn on you at this time but having been making purchases of [illegible] Oil I have had a good deal of money to raise.

Will you have the goodness to enquire of Capt [illegible] of the [illegible] I sent him for some clothes was sent by the Pacific — [illegible] me when you are writing the state of his health.

with much respect

Your friend

Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 6 Jany 1839

Mr William Gifford

Savannah(?)

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your [illegible] last evening enclosing a [illegible] [illegible] letters being the [illegible] [illegible] the 6th inst. [illegible]

[illegible]

I have [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] of the 18th this morning.

The [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] Oil was [illegible] [illegible] 10 to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Oil [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

with much respect

Your friend

Wm T. Russell

Washington [illegible] July 185[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Sir

[illegible]

[illegible]

Washington 2 July 185[illegible]

Editor Herald

Rochester [illegible]

Dear Sir

[illegible]

with much respect

Your friend

[illegible]

[illegible] 6 Sept 1839

Mr Benjamin P. [illegible]
[illegible]
Dear Sir

My note against you for [illegible] amounting to $301. after date, was due the 1st of this month. and I should be glad if you can make it convenient to pay it. Perhaps you can get a check from your Bank in one of our Banks, or your check on the [illegible] Bank will answer my purpose.

Respectfully yours
[illegible] Russell

[illegible] 7 Sept 1839

[illegible] & Co.
Respectful friends

Annexed you have Invoice of [illegible] Cotton [illegible] - This Cott has been [illegible] during the [illegible] weather & I have no doubt will prove to be very good - until the [illegible],

with much respect
your friend
[illegible] Russell

New Bedford 30 Sept 1839

Messrs. A. Hathaway & Co.

I send you per Sloop Pomona 24 Casks Winter Oil, to go [illegible] account, which has been made since the extreme cold weather & I trust will prove good. [illegible] the proceeds [illegible].

Respectfully yours
Wm. J. Russell

Messrs. Henry Pope & Co.
Gents

Annexed you have Invoice 25 tierces Winter Oil sent you per Sloop M.W.P. Capt Pope. This Oil has been made since the extreme cold weather & I think will prove good. I hope you will be able to sell it readily as I do not [illegible] think proper selling it at 75 cts & keeping it over next summer — Credit the proceeds [illegible]

Respectfully yours
Wm. J. Russell

I have put on board the M.W.P. two small boxes spermaceti tapers — one for you Mr. [illegible] the other for Mr. Samuel — which they will please receive as a present from our Oil works concern. —
W.J.R. —

New Bedford 30 Sept. 1839.

Mr Thomas W. Whitridge

Dear Sir

Herewith you have Invoice & bill of lading of 200 boxes Sperm Candles, on board Sloop Mill P. which sell to best advantage & credit the proceeds [illegible]

[illegible]

Respectfully yours

[illegible]

New Bedford 30 Sept. 1839

Messrs. Henry Taylor & Co

Gentn

Your favor of 11th inst. enclosing your account between the [illegible] 30th of April last was duly received — the account I find correct —

I have sent you per Sloop Mill P. Capt. Potter to sail tomorrow, 25 barrels Winter Oil, which has been made since the severe cold weather & I have no doubt will prove good. —

Respectfully yours

Wm T. Russell

Asst. Surg. [illegible] U.S.A.
Sir

Annexed you have [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Respectfully yours
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

New Bedford 30 July. 18[illegible]

Samuel C. Barting
Respected friend

Herewith you have Invoice & bill of lading of 46 Casks Winter Oil & 50 boxes Sperm. Candles on board Sloop Superb, which please receive & sell to best advantage - place 3/5ths of the proceeds to the credit of Wm. Rotch Jr. & 2/5ths to my credit -

with much respect
Wm. T. Russell

Wm. [illegible] Homer
Norfolk
Dr. Sir

[illegible] your favors of 28th & 30th ult. [illegible], the first enclosing a check on the Bank of Virginia, the latter enclosing Sales 100 boxes Sperm. Candles. the amount of [illegible] in the Sale I have passed to your credit. When I [illegible] sent you Candles I expected to have [illegible] for the boxes, as it is almost [illegible] [illegible] I did not think of mentioning it. I have sent you 100 boxes [illegible] which were probably [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] sold in Balt. [illegible] boxes.

[illegible]

with much respect
your friend
Wm. T. Russell

[illegible]

Samuel C. Bentley

Respected friend

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford 9 Feby 1829

Saml A [illegible]
Respected friend

I duly received yours from [illegible] enclosing [illegible] to your account a draft on Boston for the balance due me amounting to $1432.88/100. which has been paid & the account I find correct —

I have to advise you of a shipment of about 3500 gals Winter Oil, in [illegible] & a few [illegible], & 50 boxs Sperm Candles per Sloop [illegible] Capt Hammond — The Oil is of good quality having been made during the extreme cold weather — & I hope you will be able to make it off before the season for Winter Oil is over — The [illegible] will be ready to sail tomorrow via New York, by her you will receive Invoice of the Oil & candles —

The last of the whale Oil in this place is now on board two vessels bound to Bremen — the last lot was 310 Cask — A ship which has been out [illegible] is daily expected with a cargo of whale Oil — it will probably command 30 cts should she arrive soon — The price of whale Oil when the [illegible] are all in will probably be the same as last Summer say 25 cts

[illegible]
Wm [illegible]

[illegible] 9 Feby 1828.

[illegible] Grinnell & Co
Respected friends

Our Oil [illegible] now [illegible] about 350 bbls Sperm Oil to ship to London by the Packet to sail the first of March. W. [illegible] will have about 100 bbls to ship at the same time — making 400 to 450 bbls. which we wish you to [illegible] room for — in order to [illegible] New York early [illegible] we [illegible] the freight will be as low as formerly —

Please inform us if there is any [illegible] [illegible] in your [illegible] Packet the [illegible] [illegible] for about 50 [illegible].

Respectfully yours
Wm [illegible]

New Bedford 27 July 1839

Fish Grinnell & Co

Respected friends

Your favour of 10th inst enclosing your account & also yours of 17th inst requesting me to remit the balance due you as soon as convenient were duly received - The act I find correct except a charge of $52 for Lamps - Your M T H G will recollect of purchasing a pair of Lamps at the same time I bot mine - the cost of mine was $34 - the balance $18 presume belongs to him, both are charged to me through mistake - you will please credit me with $18 to date of [illegible] -

The balance of your account it will give me pleasure to pay as soon as possible - about half the amount due you is for articles for Ship Timoleon - a large sum will be due me from the Owners of that Ship in the course of next month - you will have about $1000 in Oil & Candles now in your hands also about $1000 to be remitted by [illegible] for the Oil going to London about $1400 - from these sources I shall be able to liquidate the whole debt in the course of the coming Spring - but it would be more convenient to me [illegible] to make my [illegible] [illegible] as the money comes in to let about half the balance stand till next Fall. We have paid cash for a large proportion of our present stock of Sperm Oil, & have paid in advance for some not yet arrived, for which an amount equal to a large sum of money before next Fall -

The Oil which we intend shipping to London is on board Brig Industry, ready to leave the first fair wind. If your friends there are not sold before that it will probably get there in time - There will not be quite a month's supply, we have 300 bbls [illegible] about 100 -

with much respect
your friend
[illegible signature]

New Bedford 2 March 1839.

Fish Grinnell & Co

Respected friends

Enclosed is Invoice & bill of lading of 60 Casks crude Sperm Oil on board Brig Industry, which please cause to ship to London consigned to Geo. Wilde & Co consigned to [illegible] & Co for a/c of the owners & to me for 7/8ths. If your packet has not sailed before this is rec'd it may possibly get there in time to go by her, but if it does not I wish you to ship it by the packet to sail the middle of March.

As there has been some importation [illegible] of Oil shipped to London it may make some difference in the sale of ours if you [illegible] Geo. Wilde & Co that this parcel is prime Sperm Oil. I give you my assurance it is perfectly pure —

with much respect

your friend

Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 4 March 1839.

Messrs C Hathaway & Co

Gent.

Mr N. A. Barrett of your City has offered to purchase the Oil for Brig Logan from this Creek on six months credit promising satisfactory paper — As he is entire stranger to us we have taken the liberty to apply to you, for you to say whether the paper he may propose to give us be such as you would feel no hesitation in receiving — by which favor you will greatly oblige

Your friend

Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 7 March 1839.

Mr John R. Howard

Dear Sir

I duly received your favor of 2nd Feby requesting me to send you 100 boxes Candles for Mr Loyall. I now embrace the first opportunity of forwarding them per Sloop Caroline as per Invoice annexed. I expect Mr Loyall to allow 34 cts for them. The proceeds you will please remit as before. Should you be able to dispose of any more please inform me & they shall be forwarded. —

With much respect
your friend
Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 7 March 1839

Messrs H. Payson & Co

Gent

Annexed you have Invoice 300 boxes Sperm Candles on board Sloop Caroline which your letter of 30th ult has ordered me to send you — credit the proceeds as usual. I hope you will be able to sell the balance of the Winter Oil at 80 cts.

With much respect
your friend
Wm T. Russell

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Sir

[illegible]

With much respect

Your friend

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Sir

[illegible]

With much respect

Your friend

[illegible]

New Bedford 10 March 1837

Messrs. C Hathaway & Co.

Gent.

The bargain with Mr
Barrett for the Hides after a great deal of trouble
& altercation is concluded — As Mr Barrett &
I have not parted on very friendly terms & as
he will probably tell his own story in Boston
in justice to myself & Mr Anthony I take the
liberty to trouble you with a statement of the
facts. that you may vindicate us from any im-
putation he may cast upon us. Before any price
was named we requested Mr B to examine the
Hides to his satisfaction, offering to furnish men
to overhaul every hide if he chose. after examining
several hundred he appeared to be satisfied
without looking further & observed he thought
there would be 800 damaged among them — we told
him we thought there would not be so many, but
at the same time we observed we were not judges
of the article, neither had we been particular to
examine the cargo as it was discharged — This is
the substance of the conversation which passed
previous to closing the bargain — He finally agreed
to take the whole cargo at 14 c. & for out [illegible]

except 100 of those most damaged — We commenced
weighing in the afternoon — & night when we [illegible]
off he stated the Hides were more damaged [illegible]
he expected & if they did not run better in the
morning he should not consider himself bound
to the bargain — contradicting the dilatory conver-
sation which passed between us about the number
of Hides damaged as a guarantee on our part that
there should not be more than 800 damaged —
after much altercation we agreed for the sake
of making peace to leave the question to his own
acquaintance & friends George Tyson & Seth
Russell — their award was that we should
take out 100 Hides more making the whole number
rejected 200 — Mr Russell & Mr Tyson state to
us however that Mr Barrett was in their opinion
bound to receive the Hides according to the
original contract. but to conciliate matters between
us they thought it best to take out 100 more of the
damaged Hides — Our difficulties did not end
here — we were flattering ourselves. when the last
draft of the Hides were weighed. it was not pos-
sible further trouble could arise to cause further
[illegible] — The weight of the Hides was

against it — we drew more and afterwards to [illegible]
then by absence there was no allowance of
leakage to which as it is the custom in Boston
to allow 3% for such that we must allow it here.
we informed him it was not the custom here, but
that would not satisfy him, hereupon some
high words ensued. My patience being entirely
exhausted I used some harsh language to him
which he took in high dudgeon & left the counting
room saying he would have no further intercourse
with me — Mr R left town this morning, leaving
the question of leakage to be decided by Mr
Tyson — who has decided it against him —
This is the substance of the whole bargain with the
Rounds there are other circumstances more out-
rageously provoking but were I to enter into the whole
detail it would make too long a story —
I regret on your account I should be led to use
harsh language to a person so highly recommended
from you — but his insolent manner provoked it which
I have done nothing I wish to take back —
the harshest expression I used was in calling him
a mean contemptible puppy — I mention this as
he has doubtless a great deal about my abusing him —
With much respect yr friend [illegible] T. Russell

New Bedford 4th March 1839.

Mr Thomas Whitridge

Dear Sir

I have drawn on you this day at 30 days after date in favor Smith Grinnell & Co for nine hundred dollars, which you will please pay at maturity —

When you want more Oil or Candles you will please write to me —

With much respect
your friend
[illegible] T. Russell

[illegible]

New Bedford 17 March 1829

Saml. C. Rawling(?)
Respected friend

Being in want of funds in New York I have taken the liberty to draw on you this day at 30 days after date in favor Fish Grinnell & Co for One thousand dollars. presuming you would have no objections to advance about 500 dolls. more than is due me on account of the shipment of Oil & Candles per Sloop Superb(?) –

Since a few days since the Superb(?) have got as far as New York. She has been detained in New London by the severe weather nearly a month. I expect she has arrived by this time in Phila – No accounts yet from the [illegible] Brig.

with much respect
your friend
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 17 March 1829

Messrs. Henry Peyson & Co.
Gent.

Being in want of funds in New York I have taken the liberty to draw on you this day at 30 days after date in favor Fish Grinnell & Co for Seventeen hundred dollars presuming you will have no objections to advance five or six hundred dollars more than is due me on account of Oil & Candles in your hands – When you want more Oil or Candles you will please write to me –

with much respect
your friend
Wm. T. Russell

Washington 9 March 1857

[illegible]

Respected Friend

Being in receipt of your [illegible]

[illegible]

With much respect

your friend

[illegible]

Washington 9 March 1857

[illegible]

Respected Friend

Being in receipt of your [illegible]

[illegible]

with much respect

your friend

[illegible]

New Bedford 1st month 1839

Fish Grinnell & Co

Respected friends

Enclosed are the following drafts amounting to six thousand six hundred dollars, which you will please place to my cr.

J. Ricketson Cash on you at 5 days for 2000.
W. W. Fish & Co on you at sight for 1000.
My draft on Chas Whitridge Balt.
dated 1st month at 30 days for 900.
My draft on N. Hyam & Co Balt.
dated 1st month at 30 days 1700.
My draft on J. E. Bentley Phila.
dated 1st month at 30 days 1000.
$6600.

I will remit you the balance that will be due you in a few weeks.

with much respect
your friend
Wm. J. Russell

New Bedford 30 March 1839

Fish Grinnell & Co

Respected friends

Annexed you have Jos. Ricketson draft in my favor on Hussey & Co dated 30 March at sight for six hundred dolls. also Jos. Ricketson's draft in my favor on you of same date at five days sight for nine hundred dollars. making together fifteen hundred dollars, which you will please place to my credit in account —

Respectfully yours
Wm. J. Russell

Benjn. S. Williams to W. T. Russell Dr

1839
30 March To 7 casks Summer Oil viz

31	43	
33	44	
31	105	
39		
218	278	363

[illegible]
net gals. 217 ... 63c — $163.15

4 months credit —

New Bedford 30 March 1839

Mr Benjn. S. Williams
Taunton
Dr Sir

Above you have my bill of 7 casks Summer Oil gauging equal to 186 which I have sent on board Sloop Majestic Capt. Phillips agreeable to your order —

Respectfully yours
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 1 April 1839.

Mr John R. Hamm
Norfolk
Dear Sir

I have your favor of 25th ult with act sales 100 boxes Sperm Candles & a check on New York for 750.18/100 dolls. being the net proceeds. after deducting $11.80/100 error in former sales. all which is correct & satisfactory. I will send you 50 boxes more by first opportunity —

with much respect
your friend
Wm. T. Russell

Northampton 1 April 1859.

Mr. John W. Thomson [illegible]
Norfolk
Dear Sir

[illegible]

Yours [illegible]

[illegible]

Messrs. S. Williams & Co. [illegible]

[illegible]

Northampton [illegible] 1859

Messrs. S. Williams
[illegible]
Gents

[illegible]

Respectfully yours
[illegible]

New Bedford [illegible] April 1839

Saml C Keating
Respected friend

Your favor of 20th ulto is received. I think your ideas respecting Whale Oil are wrong. It is true there is a good deal more expected this year than we have last year, but the markets in Europe are high, in consequence of the failure of the rape seed crop in the north & of the Olive crop in the south of Europe. It is the general opinion here that it will not at any time this year go below 35 c. It is probable there may be something done to advantage in Sperm Oil in the course of next summer. Should you be inclined to speculate in it I will do my best to serve you. At present there is no crude Oil here but several ships are daily expected. I will keep you advised of the prices.

With much respect
your friend
Wm T. Russell

Messrs Henry [illegible] & Co — New Bedford [illegible]
Gentn

We have annexed and enclosed invoice and bill lading for 100 boxes Sperm candles p Sloop Olive Fern, Capt Crawford. Please credit the proceeds as usual.
With much respect
Your friends
Wm T. Russell
by [illegible]

Mr John R. [illegible] — New Bedford [illegible]
Dear Sir

Annexed and enclosed your [illegible] invoice and bill lading for the three Sperm candles p Sloop Olive Fern, Capt Crawford, which please [illegible] and the proceeds remit as before.
With much respect
Your friend
Wm T. Russell
by [illegible]

[illegible] April 1859.

[illegible]

Respected friend

Your favor of [illegible] is received. [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford 20 Apr 1839

Mess. E. Hathaway & Co
Boston

I have drawn on you this day at 05 days after date in favor [illegible] Rotch & Co for Ten thousand dollars which you will please pay at maturity and charge to my acct.

The Ship Sebastian arrived this morning from the Banks full, say about 2100 bbls 200 of which is Sperm. The [illegible] cargo is about [illegible].

with much respect
your friend
Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 20 Apr. 1839

James Hale Esq
Prest N.E. Marine Insur. Co
Boston

Sir

I wish to get about 2000 dolls insured on Ship Indian Capt [illegible] now on a whaling voyage in the Pacific Ocean. The last accounts from her she was spoken by Brig [illegible] of Salem 17 July 1838. Lat 0°32 S. Long 135°56 E. with 200 bbls. [illegible]. The Indian is as good & substantial a whale ship as any belonging to this port – both Offices here are full upon her [illegible] as they insure any of our whale ships. How low [illegible] insure something on this ship for [illegible] &c. Please name me a premium as soon as convenient & oblige

your friend & servt
Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 20 April 1839.

Fish Grinnell & Co

Respected friends.

I have your favor of 18th inst. I can get a berth for the young man you name in Ship Abigail to sail in about three weeks, or in Ship Columbus to sail in about four weeks. The Wm & Eliza is nearly ready for sea & has a full crew shipped.

The Ship Caledonia arrived this morning from the Banks with a full cargo say 2800 bbls 300 of which is Sperm. The Mercury's cargo is sold at 37 cts. Ship Wm Thompson is going to you. J. A. Parker has bought some of the [illegible] cargo at 63 cts 4 months. [illegible] sperm Oil over 58 cts—

[illegible] I write you [illegible] the whole [illegible] on [illegible] purchase wherever prices [illegible]—

I have bought 3/16th of Ship Adeline [illegible] & want some Copper for her, please say at what price you will sell yours. [illegible] to the Banks—

with much respect

Wm T. Russell

Please say to Mr Grinnell I have written to Boston for Insurance on Ship Adeline [illegible]—

New Bedford 20 April 1839

Saml C. Bunting

Respected friend

Your favor of 8th inst. was duly received. Two Ships have arrived from Brazil Banks with full cargoes of whale Oil & both cargoes have been sold at 37 to 38 cts partly [illegible] the whole will be shipped to Europe. I have no doubt it will decline to 35 cts— Two cargoes of Sperm Oil have arrived since I wrote you— some of it has been sold at 63 cts & about 500 bbls was sold to day at 60 cts— There is now about 1500 bbls crude Sperm Oil here, which may be bought at 60 cts cash— it cannot be expected to decline much if any below that price, as it will bear to ship to England at 60 cts. Perhaps some parcels brought in by the Bank Ships may be purchased in the course of next summer at 58 cts—

I have no [illegible] here & I think not any before June— I intend shipping you some Linseed Oil next week—

with much respect

Wm T. Russell

Ship Eagle from the Banks is just reported to be in the Bay—

New Bedford 24 Apr 1839 -

James Hale Esq
Pres. N.E. M. Insur. Co.
Boston

Sir

I have yours from $30 offering to write a policy on Ship Indian at 5 per cent - provided there is no reason to suppose she ought to have been heard of in port - It is not at all strange I have not heard of her in port since she was spoken - I expect she will get refreshments at some of the Islands in the South Pacific Ocean & return home by the way of the Cape of Good Hope - Capt. Mayfield took the same route in a former voyage - You may send me a policy at five percent on $1750. for account of Joseph Grinnell. valuing the Ship & outfits the same as in the [illegible] policy. which I believe is $15000 in each -

with much respect
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 11th May 1839

Fisk Grinnell & Co

Respected Friends

I send you by Sloop Hudson Capt Kirk a lot of Whale Bone weighing 2878 lb. belonging to Gideon Richmond. as it is by my recommendation it is sent you. I hope you will use your best exertions to make a good sale of it the proceeds place to my credit. —

Yours Respectfully
W. T. Russell
p J. R. Anthony

Samuel B. Bunting — New Bedford 15th May 1827
Respected Friend

I have this day purchased for your acc.t 1732 Gallons Crude Sperm Oil at 80 Cents p gallon cash, and have drawn on you this date for [illegible] for the am.t including 60 days Interest at 60 days date, say $1399.[illegible] payable at the Bank of [illegible] Mechanics. The lot of oil I alluded to in my last is not yet offered in the market, but I have no doubt but what it can be bought for 85 and perhaps for less. — Considering the purchase I have made rather below the market value; it was all the Sp. Oil [illegible] in by one of the Bank Ships, and the owners were anxious to close the voyage. I consider it a handsome lot of oil, with a fair proportion of Head.

I shall make up your order for two hundred barrels as soon as I can do it to advantage and then wait your instructions how to dispose of it. — I could have it stored for 2 cents p bbl per month [illegible] to the place for storage [illegible].

Respectfully Yours
W. T. Russell
p John Anthony

Mr Russell is this week at [illegible], but his Head is [illegible] him. Jno. Anthony

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Messrs Robinson Weeden & Co. — New Bedford 15th May 1827
Providence
Gentlemen

Annexed I send you Invoice 21 Casks Summer Strained Sperm Oil of Sloop A. L. Jones [illegible] Mast. which please sell to best advantage, and place the proceeds three fourths to the credit of Wm. R. Rotch & Co. and one fourth to my credit, and forwarding the sales

Respectfully Yours
A. L. Russell
p Wm. R. Rotch & Co.

Fish Grinnell &c. New Bedford May 11. 1839

Respected Friends

Annexed you have Invoice of 10 barrels Winter oil of Experiment, which please dispose of, and the proceeds place as usual.

Yours Respectfully
Wm. R. Rodman
pr J. A. Anthony

James H. Bunting New Bedford 11th May 1839

Respected Friend

I have yours of the 10th inst. Since I last wrote you there has been no sales of the cargo of Sperm oil named to you, sold at 100 cents, the remainder is held at the same price, as the cargo is nothing more than ... oil as to colour, I do not feel willing to purchase it for you at 98 cents. The oil is rich, being all caught on the Coast of Peru, and would yield a large proportion of spermaceti.

I think it probable in the course of the Summer I may meet a lot that would suit you and at your limits.

The Meteor's cargo of Whale oil just arrived, was sold yesterday for exportation at 38 cents 6 mo. and there is none more in the market.

Respectfully Your friend
Wm. R. Rodman
pr J. A. Anthony

P.S. I have ship by the first opportunity the body oil, I have purchased for you — say 1000 gallons, and also the head matter.

Robinson Jenkins & Co.
Respected friends

New Bedford 8 Mo 29 1839

I have yours of the 17th inst with sales of the 26 casks sperm oil which are satisfactory.
I now send you invoice 20 casks of [illegible] better quality and lighter coloured, which I hope will meet with a ready sale. the proceeds place as before advised.

Yours respectfully
W. L. Rotch
for W. R. Rotch & Co

New Bedford 3 June 1839-

Capt. Charles Ransom
Dear Sir

The Ship Sophia under your command being ready for sea, bound to the South Seas on a whaling voyage. we give you a few lines for your government— After procuring refreshments at the Western Islands we recommend your proceeding about the Tristan Islands— if you do not meet with success there, go on the False Bank— In this event we would hope you will be able to fill the Ship without going on the Main Bank the latter part of the season— The Ship is fitted for twelve months or upwards & we expect you to cruise until your provisions are expended if you do not fill her before—

If you get any Sperm Oil on your passage off. Ship it by any vessel bound to Philadelphia or any port to the North of that place. consigned to my order— If you meet with any disasters & it should be necessary to go into Rio de Janeiro to refit call on Birckhead & Co for assistance, in whom you may place confidence— But if you want refreshments only on your passage home,

Washington, June 1839.

Dear Sir

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford [illegible] 1835

[illegible]
Respected friend

I have purchased for your account to day 2005 gals Sperm Oil at 1.00 at 30 days and have drawn on you at 30 days date, favor Wm C. Nye for thirteen hundred & [illegible] dollars. This lot of Oil has not a full proportion of [illegible] I got it low on that account. The [illegible] has sailed for your port. I could not prevail on Capt [illegible] to take any Oil from me. She has a full cargo shipped by the Owners. [illegible] you return by first opportunity [illegible] with [illegible] which has been [illegible] since my last. The first was sold at [illegible] & the [illegible]. [illegible] is not yet discharged but will probably not bring quite so much.

With much respect
[illegible]

you have better [illegible] at [illegible] or any other port where the freight charges are [illegible] as [illegible] commission.

Wishing you a pleasant & prosperous voyage, I remain with regards
your friend
[illegible]
In behalf of the Owners

New Bedford 8th June 1839.

Mr Wm Williams Jnr
New London
Dear Sir

I received your letter requesting me to send you a list of the outfits of a whale ship to the Pacific at a time when I am much engaged in getting a ship ready for sea — and have not conveniently attended to it until now. I enclose a list which I believe contains every thing necessary for such a voyage. The quantity of articles is about the average that our ships take at the present time. there is a difference of opinion in many articles of [illegible] particulars. It is very seldom a [illegible] so deficient as to lose a boat. but sometimes the last boat [illegible] to collect their tools to work the [illegible] if she has been [illegible] on [illegible] voyage. I should always prefer the Captain would have his own tools —

I shall be happy at all times to give you any information relative to the whale fishery —

with much respect
your friend [illegible]
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 19 June 1839 —

Mr Thomas Whitridge
Dear Sir

Annexed you have Invoice 13 casks, very handsome Sperm Oil. in [illegible] from Ship Eliza Tyson — which in [illegible] of its light colour I hope will bring an extra price — credit the proceeds as usual —

I have sent Payson 10 casks Winter Oil by this vessel by their request — if you think it advisable I will make you a shipment by next vessel —

with much regard
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 17 June 1839.

Messrs. Henry Payson & Co.
Baltimore

Gent

Annexed you have Invoice 25 Casks Winter Oil on board Sloop [illegible] of Chile Tyson, which I hope may meet with a ready sale, that I may soon receive your credit. let credit the proceeds as usual —

I noticed in one of your Sales of Candles you extended the credit over six months with interest after. I must object to your granting this indulgence in future. it increases the risk of bad debts & six months is credit enough in all conscience for any amount under one or two thousand dollars.

with much respect

Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 24 June 1839

Saml. C. Rawlings(?)

Respected friend

Herewith you have Invoice & bill of lading of 33 casks crude Sperm body Oil on board Schr. Sam, Capt. Tripp(?) shipped for your acct. The barrel which you see added at the foot of the Invoice is pumpings. the Oil having settled so as to [illegible] one, & is so much clear gain — There is no other vessel than the Sam bound to Phila. I am therefore compelled to ship your Oil by her at the customary freight of 40 c. —

Respectfully yours

Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 20 June 1827

Saml C Bunting
Respected friend

I have shipped on board Schr [illegible] 22 casks Crude Sperm body Oil containing 3407 gallons - being all the body Oil belonging to the two parcels I bot for you - The [illegible] will be ready to leave in a day or two, by her I shall forward Invoice & bill of lading -

I have your favor of 17th inst with Sales of Oil & Candles which are satisfactory [illegible] the last sales. - In the lot of Sperm Oil I bot for you at 55 cts there is about 20 per ct head. It is out of the question to purchase body Oil without the head, the holders refuse to sell it separate - I think you might calculate on getting for head matter 4 or 6 months hence 5 cts more than the price of head & body together at that time - At present head alone is worth about 60 cts - I think I should be willing to take yours at that price - unless you can make a better bargain with Thos Coffin of your City than to sell it here - I do not expect to buy any more Oil for you at less as 55 cts - the owners of the Ships have [illegible] that price & they [illegible] will not sell without some advance - I cannot find any one willing to sell [illegible] less than 55 cts - There has been many [illegible] sales of Whale Oil - the last sale of [illegible] amount was at 25 cts cash & small parcels of 100 to 300 bbls have been sold at 27 cts - but at this price there is no purchaser for any considerable quantity at 25 & the whole stock [illegible] find a sale readily, as several vessels are waiting for cargoes [illegible] to [illegible] at that price [illegible] [illegible] - The [illegible] Ships have not done so well as usual this year [illegible] [illegible] voyage [illegible] from the increase of Ships the quantity brought into the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] hundred barrels - The [illegible] of Whale Oil [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] Russell

[illegible]

New Bedford 28 Jan 1839

Mr Wm Williams Jun
New London
Dear Sir

I have your favor of 19th inst. The Hints I have put on board a New York packet & have requested [illegible] &c to forward them to you by first opportunity & to charge you with the cost $8.65/100 as per bill at foot.

Respectfully yours
Wm T. Russell

Mr Wm Williams Jun
To Wm T. Russell Dr

To 20 lb 1st Hints		
20 " 2d "		
10 " 3d "	50 lbs [illegible]	8.00
	[illegible]	.65
		$8.65

New Bedford 28 Jan 1839 [illegible]

New Bedford 25 Jan 1839.

Saml. E. [illegible]
Respected friend

Your favor of 22 inst was received last evening. Mr Coffin is now at Nantucket. I learn from his friend [illegible] he did not purchase any Sperm Oil here. It was offered to him at 66 c cash. He is willing to give 58 cts on time with interest [illegible] but could not get it on those terms & has since gone to Nantucket to do what he could there. From what I learn from Nantucket I think he will return here to make his purchases. I will see if I can make a bargain with him for your [illegible]. I would advise you to sell it at 65 c cash. If I do not hear from you again on the subject I shall not refuse such an offer from Mr Coffin.

I advised you on the 23d inst by mail of having shipped your [illegible] on board [illegible] which will be ready to sail tomorrow. A sale of whale oil was made yesterday at 36 c gallon.

With much respect
Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 30 June 1839.

Mr J. H. Fisher
New Orleans

Dear Sir

It is a long time since I have had the pleasure of hearing from you — Your account made up to the close of last year was duly received — balance due me $2763.24 since which I have received $1000 — by your circular the amount I expected you would remit the whole balance — The Sales will all be due before you receive this, & I request the favor of you to remit the balance due me to Mess. Fish Grinnell & Co New York as soon as practicable — & forward me your account — I shall not have any Oil or Candles to ship this [illegible] —

With much respect
your friend
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 1st July 1839

Mess. Henry Payson & Co
Baltimore

Gents

I have your favor of 25th ulto — The Eliza Tyson sailed the 30th June with 25 casks Winter Oil for you — & no doubt has arrived before this. I am glad to hear it is so much wanted — I prefer your holding the same Oil until next fall to selling at any thing less than 65 cts. it is a very scarce article here — I have not a barrel on hand. & there is not 50 bbls in the place — & no new Oil can be made before the 1st of October — Mr Whitridge has some of our Sperm Oil on hand. I will thank you to communicate the contents of this letter to him for his government —

Respectfully yours
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 1st Feby 1839

Messrs. Henry [illegible] & Co
Baltimore
Gents

[illegible]

Respectfully yours
[illegible]

New Bedford [illegible] 1839

Mr. [illegible]
New Orleans
Dear Sir

[illegible]

With much respect
your friend
[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford 1st July 1837

Saml B. Keating

Respected friend

I should be much obliged by your sending me four bbls [illegible] by the return of Schr [illegible] –

Since my last two cargoes of Whale Oil about 5000 bbls each have been sold for exportation one at 37½ 6 months – the other 38½ cash. There has been no sale lately of much Sperm Oil.

Mr Coffin has not yet returned from Nantucket –

with much respect

Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 7 July 1830

Mr Benja D. Williams

Taunton(?)

Resp. Fr.

I duly received your favor of 1st [illegible] informing you had arranged with Mr Ward to pay me the bal. of my bill of Oil against you. Mr Ward [illegible] [illegible] to pay me [illegible] – I have [illegible] of him this day [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] being in full for 7 Casks Sperm Oil sold you on the March –

The price of Sperm Oil is 83 cts. I have sold all I have at that price, & shall not have any more before the 1st of Oct

Respectfully yours

Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 16 July 1839-

Fish Grinnell & Co

Respected friends

I have put on board the Helen a small lot of Whale Bone say 11 bundles weighing 668 lb which came into my hands on account of a debt- it cost me 24 c cash- if you can make it net that I shall be quite satisfied.- The holders of whale bone begin to be startled & are very anxious to sell at 24 c. have you any late accounts from Europe of the price of Bone- will it in your opinion do to give even 22 c for it-

Respectfully yours

Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 30 July 1839-

Robinson Weeden & Co

Providence

Respected friends

I have your favor of 16th inst- I do not feel willing to sign off my demand against Mr Mallett without more knowledge of his situation than I now possess- and I shall be obliged by your answering the following questions- Does not the assignment made to Mr Deane to secure him against loss of the $2000 for which he is responsible- Will not the $2000 in addition to his other means pay all Mr Malletts debts- If Mr Deane has advanced for Mr Mallett will the amount be paid out of the $2000- Should he not pay all amounts in addition to the $2000- If Mr Deane pays Mr Malletts creditors, does not he not that sum in addition to his other means pay all his debts- Provided all Mr Malletts property was given up to his creditors & Mr Deane pay all he is responsible for I shall be willing to take my share let it be more or less-

Respectfully yours

Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 20 July 1839

Saml S. Rodman Esqr

Respected friend

I have sold your winter Oil to Thomas Coffin today at 77 cts. 8 months credit with interest – the credit is too long, but I found I could not make a bargain with him without giving that credit, but I consider him perfectly safe. I thought the price would compensate for the credit – some 4 or 5 parcels of winter Sperm Oil have been sold lately at 80 cts cash, but no considerable quantity could now be bought at that price.

Whale Oil sells readily by the cargo at 38 cts.

with much respect

Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 21 July 1839

Messrs Henry [illegible] & Co

Gentn

I have your favor of [illegible] inst. and agreeably to your suggestion, have contracted another lot of Winter Oil as per Invoice annexed – to which [illegible] [illegible] 75 cts – credit the same as usual –

with much respect

Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 24 July 1839 –

Saml C Bunting

Respected friend

Herewith you have Thos Coffins Note for $830.52 – and my account of the purchase of Sperm Oil for you – balance due me $49.18 charged in general account –

Being in want of some money in New York I have taken the liberty to draw on you this day at 30 days date favor Fish Grinnell & Co for 500 dolls –

with much respect

Wm J. [illegible]

New Bedford 24 July 1839 –

Fish Grinnell & Co

Respected friends

Annexed are my drafts & through your [illegible] 1000 dolls on Saml C Bunting Thos dated 24 July at 30 days date in your favor, each for 500 dolls – which please to do me the favor to collect & pass to my credit –

with much respect,

Wm J. [illegible]

Northampton 10 July 1859.

[illegible]

Respected Friends

[illegible]

[illegible]

Northampton 11 July 1859.

[illegible]

Respected Friend

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford 26 July 1839 -

Mess. Henry Payson & Co

Gent.

I have taken the liberty to draw on you this day at 30 days date favor Seth Grinnell & Co for five hundred dollars which have the goodness to pay at maturity & charge to my account -

I have made you another shipment of Winter Oil by Sloop Caroline about 1050 gals. she sailed this morning -

with much respect

Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 7th Aug 1839 -

Robinson Weeden & Co

Respected friends.

Your favors of 23 July & 13th inst were duly received - We had not made up our minds to accept of Mallett's proposal, till now & therefore omitted writing to you - We have finally concluded to accept of his terms and hereby authorize you to settle with him as he has proposed - the notes you will please forward to me -

with much respect

Wm. T. Russell

Washington 11 July 185[illegible]

Mr Henry [illegible] Esq
[illegible]

Dear Sir

[illegible]

With much respect
[illegible]

Washington [illegible] July 185[illegible]

[illegible] Esq.
[illegible]

Dear [illegible]

[illegible]

With much respect
[illegible]

New Bedford 17 Augt 1839.

Saml. C. Bunting

Respected friend

I have your favor of 15th inst — the [illegible] dolls you may remit if you please to Fish Grinnell & Co. New York.

Crude Sperm Oil is now held at 85 c. but I doubt whether that price will be realized ever next winter. There is now a cargo on the wharf a few hundred bbls of which I think might be purchased at 80 c. cash, before it is stored. there is no probability it will be lower before next spring. if you think it an object to purchase at that price write me as soon as possible. I cannot purchase Body Oil separate from the head matter. Could you not make a bargain with Chas. Coffin to buy or manufacture it for you —

with much respect

Wm. T. Russell

whale Oil 30 c
whale Bone 24 c

New Bedford 3 Sept. 1839.

Gideon Howland

Respected friend

I have your favor of 31st ult & must decline accepting your offer of 73 c for Whale Oil. I have sold to day 50 bbls @ 74 c to be delivered at the works — but as our stock is now so much reduced I shall decline selling any more at 74 c. — If I find it to our interest to make a shipment to New York by & by I shall write to you —

with much respect

Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 16 Sept. 1839

Mess. Henry Pigeon & Co.
Boston
Gent.

Your favor of 14th inst with account sales 180 boxes Sperm Candles and boxes of Sperm [illegible] in the Sales in crediting 30 boxes Sold a few back Aug. 20 weighing gross [illegible] at 35 c upon a [illegible] you make it $266.96. It should be $235.57 - difference $27 - If you find I am right you will please credit my ac with that amount - I have no doubt you will get [illegible] or more for the Sperm Oil you have on hand notwithstanding it is dark. It has advanced in New York to [illegible] I shall make you a shipment of Whale Oil soon -

With much respect
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 16 Sept. 1839

Mr. J. [illegible]
New York
Dr Sir

I have your favor of 14th inst. The Oil which you saw when you were here I have got ready to send to your house, when a gentleman from Savannah made me an offer for it which induced me to sell it - I shall have some Sperm Oil next month & intend then to make you a shipment & shall also send you a lot of Candles. I have about 200 boxes Candles on hand which I am bound to send to [illegible] Masters - When you get further advices from New Orleans I shall be happy to hear from you again -

Respectfully yours
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 7 Sept 1839

Saml C Keating
Respected friend

I have your favor of 10th inst. I have not been able to purchase any Sperm Oil for you at your limits. It has advanced to 63 & 65 cts. - No sales have been made very lately - 63 cts has been repeatedly offered & refused - some are holding on for 65 cts but I expect 63 cts will be the prevailing price this season - Whale Oil 31 to 34 cts - Whale Bone best sells 26 cts - I intend making you a shipment of about 100 bbls Whale Oil in a few days -

with much respect
Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 26 Sept 1839

Saml C Keating
Respected friend

Herewith you have Invoice & bill of lading of 15 Casks Whale Oil on board Brig Planet. I am in hopes you will get [illegible] for the [illegible]. [illegible] for the [illegible] obtaining any dispatch - [illegible] the proceeds as usual -

with much respect
Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 23 Sept. 1839 -

Saml. S. Bunting
Respected friend

The Brig Henry Capt. Stetson sailed this morning for your port by her I have sent you 61 Hampshire 4000 gls pale Winter Oil & 5 Bbls very superior. for the first I am in hopes you will get 1.05 & for the latter something more - Winter Oil will be scarce this Sale. there is less in manufacturers hands than there has been for several years - If you can engage the times which I send you at two cents per gallon I should be glad to have them - or if you can purchase one or two hundred barrels of Winter besides, equally as good at the same price, & forward them to me in the course of this Sale I should like to have them.

I am informed about 800 Bbls crude Sperm Oil was purchased yesterday for Chas. Coffin & Co. some small parcels have been sold to Nantucket folks at the same price -

Respectfully yours
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 23 Sept. 1839 -

Messrs. C & J. Dustin
New York
Gent.

I shall want to ship Sperm Candles & Oil to New Orleans, occasionally this Late Winter & should be glad to make an arrangement with you to receive & forward them for me by your packets - I should want you to forward a bill of lading to my correspondents at New Orleans & also one to me - The freight I should expect to be in proportion to other goods. If you will take the trouble upon you, I will make such arrangement that all my shipments shall go by your packets - Please write me on the subject & inform me when your next packet will sail - I have now on hand about 200 boxes Candles ready to forward -

Respectfully yours
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 1st October 1839

Messrs G. C. Russell & Houston
New Orleans

Gentn

Annexed you have Invoice 200 boxes Sperm Candles sent you via New York to be forwarded by Messrs G. & J. Winston, which you will please receive & dispose of to best advantage. The net proceeds remit to Messrs Frith Grinnell & Co New York.

with much respect
your friend
Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 1st October 1839

Messrs G. & J. Winston
New York
Gentn

I have your favor of 26 ult. and now avail myself of your offer to forward goods to New Orleans by sending to you one 200 boxes Sperm Candles per Sloop Rodman Capt Moore, which you will please ship by the De Witt Clinton & forward bill of lading to Messrs G. C. Russell & Houston to whom the candles are consigned. Capt Moore will pay the cartage of the candles should there be any & receive his freight here. The enclosed letter please forward by the Dewitt Clinton.

Respectfully yours
Wm T. Russell

Washington [illegible] Octo. 1839

Messrs. [illegible]
New Orleans
Sirs

I have [illegible]

[illegible]

with great respect
Your obt servt
F. R. Hassler

Washington [illegible] October 1839.

[illegible]
New York
Sir

I have [illegible]

[illegible]

Respectfully yours
F. R. Hassler

New Bedford 6 Oct 1839

Messrs Henry Rogers & Co

Gentn

Herewith you have

Invoice & bill of lading [illegible] Casks [illegible] Oil [illegible] sent you per [illegible] — [illegible] I hope you will [illegible] for [illegible] the other is better [illegible] than any I have [illegible] — [illegible]

Respectfully yours

[illegible]

New Bedford 9 Oct 1839 —

Messrs [illegible]

Boston

Gentn

I have a letter from [illegible] containing bills of lading of [illegible] on board ship [illegible] from [illegible] — [illegible] you have the goodness to [illegible] them at the [illegible] & dispose of them for us either at auction or private sale as [illegible]. There is also a package containing [illegible] & other [illegible] articles which is not in the bill of lading & perhaps it was not the [illegible] intention that it should be [illegible] of which he [illegible] informs you. If he has left [illegible] you had better [illegible] until you hear from us again — The package containing the [illegible] you will please forward to [illegible] as [illegible] of the [illegible] —

Respectfully yours —

[illegible]

$1000

New Bedford 13 October 1839

Thirty days after date pay to the order of [illegible] Grinnell & Co. One thousand dollars value received & charge it to acct of

Henry Payson & Co.
Baltimore

Your friend
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 13 Oct 1839

[illegible] Grinnell & Co.

Respected friends

Above is my draft on Henry Payson & Co. Baltimore for 1000 dolls. which please collect & pass to my credit. I have drawn on you this day at 30 days date for [illegible] for 1000 dolls. which have the goodness to pay and oblige.

Respectfully yours
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 13 Oct. 1839

Saml. B. [illegible]

Respected friend

I should be obliged by your sending me by the first vessel [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Sales of [illegible] Oil [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 102 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of 30 to 300 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] cash. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] —

Respectfully yours,
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 7 October 1839

Saml C. Hastings
Respected friend

Annexed is Invoice 30 [illegible] Whale Oil on board Schr Napoleon which sell to best advantage & remit the proceeds as usual. The quality of this oil is [illegible] than that sent you per Brig Henry in June.

With much respect
Wm R. Rodman

New Bedford 30 October 1839

Messrs J. W. Zacharie & Co
New Orleans
Gents

Annexed you have Invoice 300 boxes Sperm Candles, which will be forwarded to you from New York by Messrs [illegible] Barker. You will dispose of them to best advantage & remit the proceeds to Messrs Rich- [illegible] & Co New York. I shall expect you to guarantee the sales in the same manner as by J. W. Zacharie. Oils have risen so much of late [illegible] that there is no inducement to make you a shipment at present.

Respectfully yours
Wm R. Rodman

New Bedford 26 Octr 18[illegible]

Messrs C. & J. [illegible]
Gent.

I have sent you per sloop [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] dollars [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the goodness to forward to [illegible] & Co. New Orleans by your first [illegible] with the [illegible] [illegible] to whom you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] also [illegible] [illegible] —
The enclosed letter [illegible] thank you to forward by the express [illegible] the [illegible] —

Respectfully yours
Wm. R. [illegible]

New Bedford 28 October 18[illegible]

Messrs Warren, Perry & Co.
Gents.

I have your favor of 25th inst enclosing Sales of Oils & a/c [illegible] showing a balance due me [illegible] of $[illegible]. which is satisfactory — I have this day drawn on you for the balance say $[illegible] favor [illegible] at sight, which have the goodness to pay & oblige

your friend
Wm. T. [illegible]

New Bedford 16th Nov 1839.

Saml C Hastings

Respected friend

Annexed you have

Invoice 35 Boxes pale Winter Oil on board Schr Regulator of the same quality as the last sent you. At the rate you can sell it I conclude the business is correct —

Respectfully yours

Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 14th Nov 1839.

Rich Grinnell Esq

Respected friend

Annexed is my draft on Saml C Hastings Phila at sixty [illegible] for [illegible]. also my draft on [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at 3 months for [illegible] — which leave the [illegible] to collect & pass to my credit.

Respectfully your friend

[illegible] Russell

New Bedford 6th Nov 1839 -

Mr Chas W. Whiting

Dear Sir

I have drawn on you to day for Wm Seth Russell & Co at three month date for 1000 dollars which have the goodness to pay at maturity & charge to my acct. I should not have drawn on you so short but having made a purchase of Sperm Oil for manufacturing I am in the [illegible] I am [illegible] -

Very truly yours

Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 6th Nov 1839 -

Saml C. Whiting

Respected friend

I have taken the liberty to draw on you to day in favor Seth Russell & Co at 4 months for 1000 dolls which have the goodness to pay at maturity & charge to my account - I should not have drawn so short on you, but having made a purchase of Sperm Oil for manufacturing, I may use the same as I am [illegible] - I send you 25 boxes of my best White Oil [illegible] which [illegible] I hope you will be able to get [illegible] profit.

Respectfully yr friend

Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 25th Mo 1839.

David Anthony

Respected friend

The Invoice of 23 boxes Sperm Candles which I sent you about two years ago had nearly or quite forgotten - although I have no distinct recollection of having [illegible] the price yet I suspect that is the case or the sales would have been closed before this. I [illegible] now to request you will make sale of them as soon as possible at the best price you can get -

with much respect

your friend

Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 1st Dec. 1839.

Messrs. J. R. Riley & Co

New Orleans

Gentn

I have sent you per Brig Elizabeth Capt Wood 150 boxes Sperm Candles, assorted sizes - The Elizabeth will be ready to sail tomorrow - Having lately made large purchases of Sperm Oil for manufacturing it will be an accommodation if you would make the customary advance on this & the former shipment of 800 boxes. I remit to Messrs. [illegible] Grinnell & Co New York -

Respectfully yours

Wm. T. Russell

[illegible] 1839.

[illegible]
New Orleans
Gents

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 1839.

Daniel [illegible]
Respected friend

[illegible]

[illegible]

Nantucket 1 Dec 1839 —

Messrs S. B. Russell [illegible]
New Orleans
Sirs

I have sent you per Brig Elizabeth Capt. Nixon 40 boxes Sperm Candles of the best size. The Elizabeth will be ready to sail tomorrow — Having lately made large purchases of Sperm Oil for manufacturing it would be an accommodation if you would make the customary advance on this to the same amount of 500 bbls & remit to Messrs [illegible] New York —

Very truly yours
Wm. F. Russell

Nantucket 28 Dec 1839

Messrs [illegible]
Respected friends

I have received your [illegible] of five days of the date [illegible] which I have [illegible] I have sent you per [illegible] at [illegible] yds.

Resp'y yours
Wm. F. Russell

[illegible] 28 Sept 18[illegible]

[illegible]

Respected friends

I duly received your [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Respectfully yours

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford 27 Sept 18[illegible]

[illegible] & Co

Respected friends

I have your favor of [illegible] in which you mention you have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Very truly yours

[illegible]

New Bedford 3 July 1860

Mr Thos Whitridge
Dear Sir

I have your favor of [illegible] covering sale of $50 [illegible] Sperm Candle & my account current balance due me $106.53. which I find correct. But I expected you would have kept an interest account with me for the year past. I have calculated the interest on your account to 31st Dec last. & make a balance in my favor of $18.12. as I have only made a rough statement it may not be exactly the sum. If I had known you did not keep an interest acct I should have ordered a remittance to Fish Grinnell & Co as fast as sales became due. I hope you will be willing to state an interest acct & give me credit for the balance, I have [illegible] my books conformably to your bal —

I have [illegible] lot of Whale Oil ready to send you for some time, but was in hopes [illegible] it is hardly probable [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] & Co [illegible] you [illegible] —

Very truly yr friend
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 17 July 1860.

Fish Grinnell & Co
Respected friends

If the Ship [illegible] can be bought for two thousand seven hundred fifty dollars. I wish you to purchase her for my account. If she cannot be had at that price & is worth in your opinion three thousand dollars to bring her to repair or break up. I authorise you to give that sum for her. say 3000 dolls. If she cannot be bought for 3000 dolls. get the refusal of her at the lowest price the owners will take until you can hear from me again, & give me all the information you can about her. Even the best information I can get she is worth at at [illegible] to bring her to repair & make sure that I am to break up. Our own ship carp. [illegible] [illegible] & Co are to be concerned with me —

Respectfully yr friend
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 23 July 18[illegible]

Mr Thomas Whitridge
Dear Sir

I have your favor of 18th inst. with its account made up to 20 July balance due me [illegible] dollars which is correct & satisfactory. I draw on you the 20th inst at 10 days sight favor [illegible] Cash for five hundred dollars, which you will please pay when due —

I am in hopes soon to be able to make you a shipment of Whale Oil. our business has been slow with us for several weeks, but a few days since [illegible] another new [illegible] it up. on that account one more. I have no Candles to send you. but your stock here all gone to market. I shall begin to make again in May & can keep you supplied from that time —

Very truly yours
Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 28 July 18[illegible]

[illegible] & Co
Respected friends

I have your favor of 20th inst & am glad to hear you have purchased the ship [illegible] for 2750 dols [illegible] — Capt [illegible] & a mate will go to New York in a few days & take charge of her to bring her here — I shall depend on your shipping men to bring the ship to New Bedford — I am in hopes you will be able to get them at something less than 10 dols. by the run & they pay their expenses back — In the mean time I wish you to purchase Oil casks & have them filled with Salt water for ballast — At our last pay you may purchase all the Oil casks you can get, even if they are in bad order. as they will do to work over — You may put on board the [illegible] copper sufficient to copper her to the [illegible] — provided you will [illegible] it upon the uncertainty of the ship being worthy of repair. If she is condemned I will sell it for you free of freight, storage & comm — The copper should be in the following proportion — [illegible] — [illegible] — [illegible] — [illegible] — I have your [illegible] lately received a remittance from [illegible] & Co of [illegible] dollars —

Very truly your friend
Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 28 July 1850.

Jno. Shoemaker

Dear friend

I wrote you some time since under cover of a letter written to Robt. Hopper that I Jno. A. Anthony & myself would advance $300 to our cousin Tom to purchase his shop fixtures & authorising you to draw on us for that amt. pro- viding you would take the trouble to arrange matters so that his creditors could not take hold of them, by assigning them to his Father, who would be accountable to us for the amount we would advance. I have heard nothing more on the subject until within a few days Tom has written us that it will require $310 for that purpose. We are willing to advance this sum for that object if it will be of any benefit to him of which we shall depend on your being the judge. But before you draw on us we should be glad to hear your opinion of Tom's prospects & whether by advancing this money to him on his fathers security it will be of any real benefit to him -

Very truly your friend
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 2nd March 1850.

Messrs J. H. Field & Co.
New Orleans -

Gent.,

I have ordered 330 boxes Sperm Candles which were in the hands of Messrs Fish Grinnell & Co to be shipped to you they write me they should send them by the Kentucky - These Candles will show their su- periority over the Nantucket brands in warm weather. And if you cannot sell them so as to nett 24c including the price of the boxes I had rather you would keep them until next summer. - There is now scarcely any Candles in manufacturers hands, & there will not be many made before next summer - I shall be obliged if you will make a remittance to Messrs Fish Grinnell & Co on account of this shipment - Your Sales of Candles & remittances have all been duly rec'd

Very respectfully yours
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 2 March 18[illegible]

Messrs J. H. [illegible] & Co
New Orleans -
Gents

I have written on [illegible] 530 [illegible] Sperm Candles which were on the [illegible] shipped [illegible] [illegible] to be shipped [illegible] they made me. They should send them [illegible] [illegible]. These Candles were [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] that if you cannot sell them [illegible] [illegible] including the [illegible] of the box I have written you [illegible] [illegible] - I have [illegible] Candles in Manufacture [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] - I shall be obliged if you will make a remittance to [illegible] & Co on account of this shipment - [illegible] of Candle remittance [illegible] [illegible]

Very respectfully yours
[illegible]

New Bedford [illegible] 18[illegible]

[illegible]
Dear Friend

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford 6 March 1840

Fish Grinnell & Co

Respected friends

I have your favor of 27th ulto informing you were shipping the 100 boxes Candles sent you per Ship Natchez on board the Kentucky for New Orleans — which is all right — I was in hopes Oil would would be plenty & that you would find no difficulty in getting them at a low price to [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] — but at 68 cts it would be better to take them than store [illegible] — when I wrote you to [illegible] all the Oil [illegible] you could purchase at [illegible] net per gal. I meant whale as well as Sperm Oil [illegible] — & if you get this letter in time [illegible] all you can [illegible] at that price — I shall be compelled to purchase [illegible] here, as I have had it offered at a less price than you name, without the risk from New York or expense of Cartage &c

Respectfully yours
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 3 March 1840

Messrs Rabaud Brothers & Co
Marseilles

Gents

It is a long time since I have had the pleasure of hearing from you on the subject of the 336 boxes refined Spermaceti sent you in the Summer of 1837 — If it is not sold I wish you to dispose of it. If it is possible without making too great a sacrifice — I had rather it was sold at a price that would net 20 cts per lb. than it should be kept on hand any longer — The proceeds you will please remit for to Messrs Fish Grinnell & Co New York as before advised, and the account sales forward to me —

Very respectfully yours
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford [illegible] March 18[illegible]

[illegible]

Respected friend

I shall [illegible] you [illegible] in a day or two about [illegible] very fine Winter Oil. which ought to bring [illegible] my hands [illegible] I shall not have any more before May.

I have your favor of [illegible] enclosing [illegible] of [illegible] casks each Winter Oil, which are correct & satisfactory. I shall be obliged by your [illegible] to your account as soon as convenient.

Very truly your friend

Wm. T. [illegible]

New Bedford [illegible] March 18[illegible].

[illegible] & Co.

Respected friends

The [illegible] has arrived & the copper you sent is [illegible] — [illegible] getting out the [illegible] we are [illegible] out, [illegible] about [illegible] into the dock. I am in hopes to get up a part of it if not the whole. I regret your having shipped this copper. You would not expect me to take it unless you accepted my offer of 23 cts. I purchased of [illegible] the next day after I sent you the letter declining my offer at 23½ [illegible] [illegible] — he has since made sales at the same price & is ready to sell more on the same terms. Unless you put yours at 23½ it will be [illegible] to [illegible] — Capt. [illegible] says there is a [illegible] belonging to the [illegible] which [illegible] I wish you would [illegible] to get it [illegible] many [illegible] things [illegible] — [illegible] have [illegible] the [illegible] than [illegible] expected. I [illegible] with the bargain —

Yours [illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible]

Wm. T. [illegible]

New Bedford 17th March 18[illegible]

Saml K Bunting
Respected friend

I have your favor of 14th inst. Refined Spermaceti cannot be purchased under 21 or 22 c. [illegible] pay the expense of making it into Candles [illegible] therefore nothing within about one cent the price of Candles. There must be something wrong about the Candles branded [illegible] which you say have been sold at auction in your city at 23 c. they did not belong to their manufacturing - I should have been bought in [illegible] to Phil^a to [illegible] they have been made in a [illegible] of their brand put upon them - I have had no Candles sold at less than [illegible] & [illegible] for [illegible] here -

Three ships have arrived this month with whale oil - one has proceeded to [illegible] with her cargo. the other [illegible] about 37 c in gold - There has been one sale of Whale [illegible] here, [illegible] shipped to [illegible] at [illegible] - no doubt it will decline to 35 c in June - I wrote you the other day requesting you to procure a [illegible] which please attend to as soon as convenient -

Very truly your friend
Wm J. Russell

New Bedford 17th March. 18[illegible]

Jos. S. Russell
Dear Cousin

I am in receipt of your letter of 10th inst. & also one from Jno. Shoemaker on the subject of purchasing the Ship furniture for your use - It appears that money advanced for that purpose cannot be made secure against demands for rent & that they would also be liable to be levied upon to pay debts. which would create an [illegible] expense of nothing more - Under these circumstances I must decline assisting you. I have consulted your Father in this business & he has had [illegible] to [illegible] his affairs - he is now [illegible] embarrassed & could not loan the sum you require without its being a serious inconvenience to him. If your Father was responsible I could not [illegible] in case you were not able to pay. when I know it was not in his power without making [illegible]. As for myself I have a large family depending upon me & could not in justice to them [illegible] the loan you ask for in my present circumstances. [illegible] the same views. With [illegible] I have no doubt you will not only support your family comfortably but will rise again in the world, that you may is the sincere wish of your cousin —
Wm J. Russell

New Bedford [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford [illegible]

[illegible]

Respected friend

[illegible]

[illegible] probably [illegible]

[illegible] 1841 [illegible]

[illegible]

your friend [illegible]

New Bedford 7 Apr. 1830.

Messrs Tucker & Cutter

Gents

I wrote to Messrs Fish Grinnell & Co requesting them to inform me on what terms I could get the best patent rigging in New York. They have informed me your [illegible] would furnish it at [illegible] 6 months credit. At foot are the dimensions of the rigging wanted. Which if you will furnish on the terms mentioned you may do so & forward it to me as soon as possible by one of the packets. I hope you will do your best, so that I can show it to our rope makers & convince them of the superiority of your rigging. I can get your rigging here at [illegible].

Respectfully yours

Wm. T. Russell

Main shrouds 99½ fathoms [illegible] 8 inches
Main topmast back stays. 150 fath. 7½ in.
Fore topmast back stays 50½ fath. 7½ in
Main topmast stay 17½ fath. 8 in.
Fore topmast stay. 18 fath. 7½ in.
[illegible] stay 22 fath. 8 in. 4 strands.
1 Coil Lanyards [illegible] 4 in. –
Be particular to observe the length of the ropes, as the [illegible] is but [illegible] measurement in the [illegible] –
Please acknowledge the receipt of this. –

New Bedford 15 April 1830.

Capt Alex. Barker

Dear Sir

I am now at liberty to offer you the command of Ship Braganza. When you was in N.B. before you [illegible] I had some conversation with you on this subject. If you conclude to take charge of the Braganza I wish you to come off in the first packet & I will pay your passage. [illegible] she should be as good as [illegible] [illegible] there is a fine boat ship & the ship will be fitted in the best manner. When the Braganza is repaired her State will be better I conceive than a new Mattapoisett Ship. She has the name from every one who has ever sailed in her of being very easy & comfortable & a good sailer. I hope you will see it for your interest to accept of my offer.

Respectfully yours

Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 28 April 1830

Capt. Alex D. Bunker

Dear Sir

I have [illegible] your letter of 10 inst. [illegible] you the acceptance of the offer of the Virginia — After I had written you Capt. Moores agreed to take charge of the Virginia & at the same time Mr Parker offered him the [illegible] Barclay — I could not let him until I heard from you. & Mr Parker having written to Baltimore for a cargo for the ship could not wait another day before he would send his orders — under these circumstances Capt. Moores might lose both ships & therefore accepted of Mr Parker's offer. This is Capt. Moores statement to me. As I have heard you have since [illegible] the Mrs Barclay would be offered to you I am anxious to write you again — respecting the offer of the Virginia. At any rate you had better come up in the next packet & talk with me on the subject — Should I think after hearing [illegible] the ship again & reflecting more upon it you would hesitate to give her the preference over any other offer you have in view. Capt. Moores would have accepted my offer in preference to Mr Parker's — and I have closed with him immediately & told him so, as I considered myself to wait until I could hear from you. I [illegible] make you the same offer which I made to Capt. Moores — with the [illegible] [illegible] I shall [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] hear from you [illegible]

[illegible]

With esteem [illegible]

Your friend

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford [illegible] May 18[illegible]

Saml. C. [illegible]

Respected friend

Enclosed you have Invoice 29 casks Whale Oil & [illegible] casks [illegible] in Oil on board [illegible] Regulator. which [illegible] to best advantage & credit the [illegible] as [illegible].

I duly rec'd your favor of [illegible] inst but having nothing [illegible] to communicate I have [illegible] replying to it - [illegible] have [illegible] not to [illegible] on [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] you [illegible] be particular to whom you [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] been [illegible] -

There has been no chance to purchase [illegible] or whale oil [illegible] at prices that would answer for you - I may be able to purchase [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] lot of [illegible] Oil at 55 [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] when they arrive. The price of whale oil [illegible] [illegible]. The last sale was at 31 cts - it was sent to Nantucket where it will probably be [illegible] to [illegible] -

with much respect

your friend

Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 31st May 1830

Wm. Dean [illegible]

Salem

Respected friend

I have your favor of 29 inst which has induced me to send you another shipment of [illegible] Oil. I do not expect to have any more Oil so good as the before [illegible] I have therefore sent you rather a large supply. Invoice of which is annexed. The [illegible] [illegible] as before [illegible] -

We have concluded it is for our interest not to [illegible] [illegible] of Oil [illegible] although we have [illegible] [illegible] debts in the course of a year yet we have [illegible] experience they do not amount to the charge of [illegible]

with much respect

your friend

Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 18 Jan 1850

Mr Edmund Winchester
Boston Sir

I have received your letter of 8th inst & will answer the enquiries which you make. The Steerage is in the after part of the ship adjoining the cabin & will be occupied by the Steward & Cooper. I think probably they will have the — Coffee [illegible] & [illegible]. [illegible] the [illegible] should be [illegible] [illegible] which I expect. [illegible] of the [illegible] in the ship [illegible] [illegible] in the steerage as [illegible] as the steward & the [illegible] of the [illegible] & will [illegible] in the steerage with the rest & have the same food. I cannot now give you a list of clothes for your son. it would be that they should be of a common kind as such as sailors generally wear. They can be bought here at about [illegible]. I am willing to take your son in the [illegible] on the terms & [illegible] to [illegible] the sum of $[illegible] for you. [illegible] the [illegible] before the ship sails & the balance when she returns. The agreement can be [illegible] when you come to New Bedford. The ship will be ready for sea about the 26th. you had better come with your son the next monday.

Respectfully yours
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 23 Jan 1850

Saml & Hunting
Respected friend

I have received your favor of 19th inst. I should have [illegible] [illegible] Oil to send you by the [illegible] — Sperm Oil must advance towards fall. the stock here is very small. That which is [illegible] during the [illegible] months is mostly [illegible] or [illegible] Oil. I could not [illegible] to [illegible]. I am disappointed in not being able to purchase Sperm Oil for you at [illegible] from some of the [illegible] whale ships — [illegible] has been purchased at the [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible]. the lowest [illegible] which has been [illegible] the season was at [illegible]. the [illegible] price now is [illegible] & as all the [illegible] ships have arrived [illegible] is not probable it will be lower. The lowest price whale Oil has been sold at was 36 cents. it is now held at 38. — towards fall it will probably advance.

Very truly yours
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 5 July 1830.

Mr Danl H. Johnson
Salem

Sir

I have your favor of 1st inst. inclosing a check on Suffolk Bank Boston for three hundred & twenty three 50/100 dollars on account of Mr Robt S. Smith.

At present I have no Sperm Oil on hand — I have heretofore consign'd Sperm Oil to Wm Dean & Co of your Town & could not with any propriety change my correspondent at this time —

I am respectfully yours

Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 10 July 1830

Fish Grinnell & Co

Respected friends

The bill of Sale of Ship Braganza from the Messrs Grinnells which you sent me is not correct — the old Register is copied instead of the one which the Ship had when the Grinnells bought the Ship of [illegible]. The discovery was not made until I went to clear the Ship at the custom house — & it was only by the indulgence of the Collector that the Ship was permitted to clear, without a new bill of Sale & with the promise that I would procure it as soon as possible — I now inclose the Grinnells bill of Sale & also another properly written, ready for their signatures, which have the goodness to have affixed & return it to me as soon as you can —

I have not yet had your account against Ship Braganza — please send it as soon as convenient —

With much respect

your friend

Wm T. Russell

New Brighton July 1830.

[illegible]

Dear Sir

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Brighton July 1830.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford 10 July 1830

Messrs Robinson Warden & Co
Gentn

E. J. Mallett's Note for $166.92/100 due 30 Apr last was sent to Prov. through our Bank for collection & was not paid - another note for the same amount will be due the 23 of next month. Is there any probability of his paying these notes - or any possibility of enforcing the payment of them - please write me on the subject & let me know if any thing can be done -

Respectfully yours
Wm J. Russell

New Bedford 28 July 1830

Mr John Napier
New York
Sir

I received your favor of 24th inst last evening, enquiring the price of Sperm Candles - I will sell you from 100 to 150 boxes Sperm Candles delivered in New York at 32 cts cash & charge 25 cts a piece for the boxes - If these terms are satisfactory I shall be happy to supply you.

I am respectfully yours
Wm J. Russell

New Bedford 23 July 1830

Mr John Hopkins
New York
Sir

Yours of 20th inst last evening, enquiring the price of Sperm Candles — Ours are from 110 to 112 cts per [illegible] Candles [illegible] in New York at 33 1/3 cts [illegible] [illegible] the same — If these terms are satisfactory I shall be happy to supply you
I am respectfully yours
[illegible]

New Bedford [illegible] July 1830

Messrs Robinson Warren & Co
Boston

[illegible]

[illegible]

Respectfully yours
[illegible]

New Bedford [illegible]

Capt Eben Clark
Rio de Janeiro
Dear Sir

Expecting you might stop at this port with your freight whale oil I write to inform you that whale oil has risen to 40 cts cash - and I have no doubt your cargo will be worth 40 cts if you arrive here between this & next February. You will therefore not make any sales unless it will net 40 cts remitted home - Your family & your friends generally are well -

With much esteem
your friend
Wm R. Rodman

Whale bone 40 cts

New Bedford 16 Augt 1820

Messrs Hopkins & Ward
Hartford
Gentn

I have delivered the Winter Oil you purchased of me to Mr Bartlet, who has forwarded it to you - annexed you have a bill of the oil amounting to $3406.20. which have the goodness to remit me by a check on one of the Boston Banks. or a Providence Bank. Sales of strain'd Oil have lately been made at 65 cts cash to be delivered next Oct -

Respectfully yours
Wm R. Rodman

New Bedford 24th Augt. 1830 -

Mr Charles M. Pierce
Baltimore
Dear Sir

Herewith you have bill
[illegible] of [illegible] boxes Sperm Candles & [illegible] boxes Sperm
[illegible] which you purchased of me on board the sloop
Caroline. amounting to $[illegible] - which amount I draw
on you for [illegible] days sight -

I am respectfully yours
Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 24 Aug 1830

Messrs Hopkins & Ward
Hartford
Gentn

I have received
your favor of 20th inst. enclosing a check
of the Hartford Bank on the Mechanics
Bank Providence for twenty four hun-
dred & three 20/100 dollars. being the amount
of 50 casks Winter Oil sold you -

Since your Mr H was in New Bedford
I have made contracts for all the Oil I
shall have on hand to strain in October
at 65 cts cash - of course I cannot accept
of your offer of 63 cts -

Respectfully yours
Wm T. Russell

Northampton [illegible] May 1790

[illegible]

[illegible]

Northampton 28 May 1790

Messrs [illegible]
Hartford

Gent.

Your favor of the [illegible] inst. covering a check of the Hartford Bank on the [illegible] Bank for [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford 26 Augt 1830

Messrs E Hathaway & Co
Gent^n

You will please send us 66 Coils Whaline Cordage as per memo at foot by the first packet on the terms you name in your letter of 20th inst —

& oblige yours
Wm T. Russell

Third quality
1 coils 4 in
2 — " — 3½
2 — " — 3
10 — " — 2¾
10 — " — 2½
6 — " — 2
4 — " — 1¾
3 — " — 1½
4 — " — 1
42

Second quality
6 Coils — 2¾ in
8 — " — 2½
4 — " — 2¼
4 — " — 2
22

New Bedford 9 Sepr 1830

Robinson Winslow & Co
Respected friends

I have received your favor informing me Mr Mallett intends to take the benefit of the insolvent law. W R Rotch & Co & myself are willing to pay our proportion of the expense in trying to defeat his purpose & I hope you will succeed in it — Winter Oil has lately been sold here at 85 cts & Sum^r at 66 cts.

Your friend
Wm T. Russell

Northampton 26 May 1850

Messrs. E. Hathaway & Co

Boston

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Northampton [illegible] 1850

[illegible] & Co

Philadelphia

[illegible]

New Bedford 21 Sept 1830 -

Capt Daniel Wood

Respected friend

I have received your letter dated Fayal 27 July informing me of your having shipped 28 Casks Sperm Oil to Boston - I have just received a letter from J Bradlee & Co stating it had arrived & I expect here in a few days & shall sell it on the best terms I can - I expect to get 68 cts for it - I am pleased to hear you like the Braganza so well & have got a good crew - Your wife writes by this conveyance I called to see her since she wrote & she requested me to say she had received your letter from Fayal & that your family is well - I send this by Ship "India" Capt Law - if you fall in with her you must exchange friendly offices & give each other all the information relative to the cruising ground for whales which you possess - Mr Davis chief officer of the India was in her last voyage & can give you an account of the cruise they took about the Solomon Islands & New Guinea - which I think may be of some importance to you - I send you by the India a package of news papers - do not fail of writing by every opportunity -

With much regard

your friend

Wm J. Rotch

29 Sept 1830

Above is a copy of a letter sent you per Ship India, since then the Oil has arrived here & is sold at 68 cts - it turned out 2848 gals - I have nothing new to add - I send this per Ship Rodman with a bundle of news papers -

yr friend

W. J. R

New Bedford 27 Sept 1850

Capt Daniel Wood

Respected friend

I have received your letter dated Fayal 27 July informing me of your having shipped 31 Casks Sperm Oil to Boston – I have just received a letter from [illegible] saying it had arrived [illegible] in a few days [illegible] at [illegible] on the last time I came – I suppose it goes to [illegible] for oil – I am pleased to hear you like the [illegible] – [illegible] may [illegible] [illegible] – [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] – [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] – [illegible] Mr. [illegible] chief officer of the [illegible] was in the last voyage [illegible]

account of the [illegible] they had [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] – [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] –

with much regard

your friend

Wm. R. [illegible]

27 Sept 1850

Above is a copy of a letter sent you by ship [illegible]. Since then the oil has arrived [illegible] it [illegible] at [illegible] – it came out 3889 gals – I have nothing new to write – I have this by ship [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] your [illegible]

W. R. R.

New Bedford 23 Sept. 1830

Mr Wm Williams Jnr
New London
Dear Sir

I have received your favor of 17th inst enquiring the value of Insurance Stock in this place. The Commercial Co has been in operation 7 years & has averaged during that time 12 per ct per annum - and will divide next October 20 per ct for the last six months & have a surplus of 14000 dolls. None of this stock is for sale -

The Merchants Co has been in operation five years & has averaged 12 per ct per annum and made no dividend the first thirty months. The company will also make a dividend of 20 per ct next October - I have been offered 3000 dolls of this stock at 20 per ct advance dividend off - which is all I can hear of for sale - Both companies will probably continue to do as well as they have done - From the data I have given you - you can judge for yourself of the value of the stock -

Very truly yours
Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 28 Sept. 1830

Please deliver Robinson Wade & Co the Sperm Candles you have in your possession belonging to W R Rotch & myself & oblige
Wm T. Russell

To The Executors of the Estate of David Anthony.
Providence

New Bedford 28 Sept 1830

Messrs Robinson Wade & Co
Gent

Above is my order on the Executors of the Estate of David Anthony for a quantity of Sperm Candles which you will please receive & dispose of as soon as practicable - credit W R Rotch & Co with ½ of the proceeds being owners in ¼th -

Your friend
Wm T. Russell

[illegible] 1860

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Sir

I have received your [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford 8 Oct. 1850 -

Mr Wm Williams Junr
New London
Dear Sir

Your favor of 5 inst came to hand during my absence. I [illegible] had [illegible] & immediately attended to the purchase of the Insurance Stock on your [account] & have engaged thirty shares in the Merchants Insurance Co at $100 per share of [par value] - a check on New York cannot be negotiated without the loss of 1/2 per cent - I write therefore to request for you to make the remittance by a check on one of the Banks in Providence or Boston - either of which will be taken at par at our Banks

with much respect
your friend
Wm T. Rotch

Tomorrow being Sunday this letter cannot leave here before Monday -

New Bedford 18 Oct. 1850

Saml C. Bartling
Respected friend

I send you per Sch Regulator 12 Casks Superior Winter Oil as per Invoice annexed, for which I hope you will obtain $1.30. If it will not bring that price now I would let it be in [illegible] to sell it. Should the prices go on advance - Have the goodness to send me by the Regulator two half barrels [illegible] about from 6 to 10 lb [illegible] -

with much respect
your friend
Wm T. Rotch

[illegible]

New Bedford 18 Octr. 1830 —

Mr Benja. F. Williams
Taunton
Sir

Your favor of 13th inst came to hand during my absence from home — My price for Winter Oil is 85 ct. Strained Oil 68 ct. Cash or credit with interest The Winter Oil is very superior to the strained Oil as good as I generally make —

Respectfully yours
Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 18 Octr. 1830

Messrs E. Hathaway & Co
Gentn

I have a premium note due at the New Bedford Marine Insurance Office for $80.00 — Will you have the goodness to take it up for me & charge it to my account —

Very truly yours
Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 18 Octr. 1830 —

Messrs Cotton & Cummings
Boston
Gent

The 100 bbls of strained Sperm Oil I sold you last I have is now ready for delivery — please direct me by return of mail whether I shall forward it by first packet —

Respectfully Yours
Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 11 Oct. 1850.

Mr. Benj. B. Watkins
[illegible]

Dear Sir

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford 11 Oct. 1850

Messrs. C. Robinson & Co.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford 11 Oct. 1850.

Messrs. [illegible]
Boston

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford 18 Octr 1830

Messrs Hurlbut & Cornwall
New York
Gentn

The 200 bbls of strained Sperm Oil I sold you last Augt will be ready to deliver next week & will you be authorize some one here to receive it & pay for it when it is delivered — If the person you authorize to receive it will give me his draft on you at sight it will be satisfactory —

Respectfully yours
Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 22 Oct 1830

Messrs C. Hathaway & Co
Gentn

Annexed is Invoice 10 Hhds Whale Oil of superior quality, which I hope you will be able to sell at about the Invoiced price — credit the proceeds as usual —

Also is annexed my draft on Messrs Cotton & Cummings at sight for three hundred seventy two & 50/100 dollars which have the goodness to collect & pass to my credit —

Respectfully yours
Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 11 Oct 1850

Messrs [illegible]
New York
Gents

[illegible]

Respectfully yours
[illegible] Russell

New Bedford 22 Oct 1850

Messrs C. [illegible] & Co
Boston
Gents

[illegible]

Respectfully yours
[illegible] Russell

New Bedford 22 Oct 1830

Messrs Catter & Cummings

Gentn

Annexed you have Invoice & bill of lading of 20 bbls strained Sperm Oil on board Sloop Traveller amounting to 372.33/100 dollars - And I have this day drawn on you at sight from Messrs C. Hathaway & Co for that amt say 372.33/100 -

Respectfully yours
Wm J. Russell

New Bedford 22 Oct 1830

Mr Benjn E. Williams
Taunton

Sir

Annexed is bill of 20 bbls Strained Sperm Oil amounting to 321.36/100 dollars which is charged to your account - The Oil is on board of a Taunton Sloop to sail tomorrow -

Respectfully yours
Wm J. Russell

New Bedford 22 Oct 1830

Wm Dean & Co
Salem

Respected friends

Annexed is Invoice 38 Casks Strained Sperm Oil on board Schr Jane Capt Merrick, which please receive & dispose of to best advantage - Credit the proceeds as before directed -

With much respect
Wm J. Russell

New Bedford 22 Oct 1850

Messrs [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] amounting to $72.33/100 dollars – [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford 22 Oct 1850

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford 23 Octr 1830 -

Gideon Howland

Respected friend

Annexed is Invoice of 10 Hhds of my best Winter Oil, which you now hold at 95c. making the usual allowance for large Casks - The proceeds credit as usual -

Respectfully yours

Wm. T. Russell

Mr. William Williams Jr. [illegible] New Bedford 9 [illegible]

Norwich Conn

I have this [illegible] yours of the 28 Inst. enclosing check on President & Directors for $[illegible] - Enclosing I now give you the certificate for thirty shares in the [illegible] Insurance Co. in fav. of [illegible]

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford 8 Nov. 1830

Mr. Thomas Church

[illegible]

Sir

During my absence from home you left a request that I would write you the price I would take for 100 boxes of Sperm Candles - I will furnish that quantity at 33 c. Cash delivered on the wharf here -

Respectfully yours

Wm. T. Russell

Northampton 30 Oct. 1830 -

Lucius Boltwood?

Respected Friend

[illegible]

Respectfully Yours

[illegible]

[illegible]

Northampton 1st Nov. 1830

Mr. Thomas [illegible]

Sir

[illegible]

Respectfully Yours

[illegible]

New Bedford 16 Nov 1830:

Fish Grinnell & Co

Respected friends

The Insurance companies here ask 2½ per cent to insure the [illegible] and Thomas [illegible] cargo the same. If you can get it done for less have the vessel & cargo fully insured, valuing the vessel [illegible] & the cargo at cost —

Respectfully yours
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 13 Nov 1830 —

Fish Grinnell & Co

Respected friends

Annexed you have Invoice 200 boxes Sperm Candles on board Sloop Experiment — credit W. R. Rotch & Co with ⅔ of the proceeds & my account with ⅓.

Respectfully yours
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 13 Nov, 1830

Messrs Catlin & Cummings
Boston
Gent

Annexed is Invoice & bill of lading of 30 bbls Strained Sperm Oil on board Sloop Traveller Capt. Bennett amounting to [illegible] dollars — which amt. I have drawn on you for this day at sight —

Respectfully yours
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 13 Nov 1850

Messrs C. Hathaway & Co
Boston

Annexed is Invoice of 10 Casks Strained Sperm Oil on board Sloop Franklin, the quality you will find to be good. I hope you will be able to get something over 70 c for it. Or did the former so do it. –

Respectfully yours
Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 13 Nov 1850

Mr Robert Speirs
Milton N.C.
Dear Sir

Annexed is bill of one cask Tanner Oil & bbl of Winter sent you by Capt of the Albany packet to the care of Jacob Taffs – amounting to $ The price may seem high to you, but Oil is higher this fall than it has been for several years. I have charged you the same price that I have taken to others in larger quantities.

At the time I received your order in Sept. there was no Tanner Oil on hand. Since then I have been absent from home & could not attend to it before – Give my respects to Martha & tell her also Mr Whalen family –

Respectfully yours
Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 19 Nov 1830

Messrs H. Payson & Co
Baltimore
Gentn

I thank you for your favor of 10th inst. Whale oil has become very scarce & I have no doubt you will get $50 for that which you have on hand, by holding on to it. I sent some to N York of the same quality which has been sold at 90 — there is none now here in transfer-ring hands. I have just made a shipment of Coastal Oil to N York. I have none now on hand, but can send you in about ten days 200 bbls. The price in N York is 80 cts & nothing for the bbls. they have ought to be worth you 85 cts.

With much respect
your friend
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 25 Nov 1830

Fish Grinnell & Co
Respected friends

We have decided that the Brighton shall go to London — and as we are to give a great price for the ship I hope you will be able to get a good freight for her — I have put your N. Y. G. down for 7/8 ths of the Brighton, and will give you the names of the other owners when I write you again —

Respectfully yours
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 26 Nov. 1830

Fish Grinnell & Co

Respected friends

I did not think to enquire of you when I was in N York whether the Brighton is insured by the former owners by the month - if so would not the policy be transfer'd to the present owners - If there is no insurance on her, I wish you to get her insured for the voyage to London, I should think 20.000 Dolls will not be too much to get insur'd & it had better be done immediately - The Brighton is to be owned as follows - Cornl Grinnell 1/8. Jos Grinnell 1/8 Henry Grinnell 1/8. M H Grinnell 1/8 - Wm Rotch Jr & Co 1/8 - Jos. Rotch 1/8 - W. T. Russell 1/8 Saml W. [illegible] 1/16 - John Swain 1/16th - You will please have each owners share specified in the bill of sale. I presume it will not be necessary for us to give you our notes - but let the cost of the Ship stand charged to her until she returns from London

Respectfully yours Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 3 Dec 1830

Fish Grinnell & Co

Respected friends

Annexed is Invoice of 63 Casks Fallstrained Oil on board Sloop Ann It is light coloured except a few of the small casks - it has all been strained within ten days and will be found a very good substitute for Winter Oil - as it is mostly in large Casks I think you had better not refuse 75 cts for it on the wharf - but if stored it ought to bring 78 or 75 cts -

Very truly yours

Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 26. Nov. 1850

Dick Brown & Co.

Respected friends

[illegible]

New Bedford 3 Dec 1850

Dick Brown & Co.

Respected friends

[illegible]

Very truly yours

[illegible] Russell

New Bedford 29 Nov. 1830

Moses H. Grinnell

Dear Brother

I have received your favor of 30 inst. I shall observe the caution you recommend respecting the purchase of the Brighton. I have not seen George since his return, but have heard he does not censure you. I consider the transaction perfectly fair, & that he has no cause to complain of either you or me — Benjn Cummings is very anxious to take a part of the Brighton, & as you rather prefer relinquishing your 1/8th you can do so & have his name inserted in the bill of sale for 1/8th instead of yours — I shall send you by the [illegible] to sail in a few days 300 lbs or more of [illegible] i.e. light columns & of best quality.

With much regard

Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 29 Nov 1830

Messrs. J. W. Fisher & Co

New Orleans

Gent.

I received your favor of 31st ult. I regret you could not get over 26 c for the Candles I sent you. Long since and when I sent these were made. They are decidedly superior made by any other manufacturer here. I intended to have sent you another shipment by a vessel which is going from here direct to N Orleans, but cannot at present prices. Sperm Candles are selling freely in New York at 26 c. & while I can get that price there, it is hardly an object to send them to N Orleans at 27 c. — I shall be happy to send you another shipment when prices will your market warrant it —

I am respectfully yours

Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 29 Nov. 1830

Dear Brother

[illegible]

New Bedford 29 Nov. 1830

[illegible]

New Bedford 8 Dec 1830

Fitch Grinnell & Co.

Respected friends

I have observed in the news papers the arrival of ship Phoenix. She has been offered for sale within a year at 3000 dolls & I suppose will again be in the market. I wish you to purchase her if you can get her for 2500 to 3000 dolls if you are satisfied she is worth the money after examining & enquiring etc. about her. Do not let the owners know you are authorised to purchase the ship until you have got their lowest terms & are ready to close the bargain. If you succeed in purchasing the Phoenix I shall send a captain on immediately to take her to New Bedford.

Your friend

Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 20 Novr 1830

Messrs Spalter & Cummings

Boston

Gent

Annexed you have Invoice & bill of lading of 35 casks strained Sperm Oil on board Sloop Pomona amounting to 994.20/100 dolls. which amt I have drawn on you for this day fav. Lee Richardson Cash. This completes my contract with you for 100 bbls. I thought it best to send the balance now as it is uncertain whether there will be another opportunity this winter. Your letter of 10th [illegible] came to hand during my absence from home. I could not have sent you the quality [illegible] you requested at 80 cts. I take the balance I have & 950 bbls on hand. I shall begin to make Bright Oil as soon as the weather is cold enough & can then supply you.

Respectfully yours

Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 28 Dec 1830

Messrs C Hathaway & Co

Gent.

I have sent you per
Ship Roman Whale & Sperm Oil nearly
[illegible] from [illegible] Matter. this [illegible] better
than [illegible] Oil. but rather indifferent
[illegible] Whale Oil. it ought to bring 10 [illegible]
more as Whale Oil is now selling - [illegible]
the [illegible] is [illegible] - [illegible]
for the [illegible] of the Roman a Cask of
[illegible] -

Respectfully yours
Wm T. Russell

per Ship John Howland
Capt Gifford

New Bedford 6 Jany 1831.

Captn Danl Wood
Respected friend

I have before inform'd
you of having receiv'd the Oil you shipped
from Fayal & that it was sold at 68c -
Sperm Oil is now worth 70c - I heard of
the Bengal a few days since by the Superb
of your being off Cape Horn all well -
There has been a revolution in France
& in Netherlands. by the last accounts from
Europe there appears to be some probability
of a general war there. But our Country
has nothing to fear from their quarrels.
I look for three or four years to come.
Should you hear any idle rumours, that
the U. States will be likely to get involved
in war. you need not be frightened for there
is no danger of it before you return -
I heard from your family a few days since
they were all well - Give my respects
to Mr Baker & the other officers -

Very truly your friend
Wm T. Russell

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford 1 Sept. 1801

Capt. [illegible] [illegible]

Respected friend

By the last accounts from Europe there appears to be every probability of a general war there - but our Country has nothing to fear from their general attack as there is peace to come - Should you hear any such news that the U. States were likely to get involved in a war you need not be frightened, for there is no danger of it before you return. Your Oil is remarkably good. Give my respects to Mr Davis & the other officers - Wishing you a happy voyage

Your friend

Wm. R. Rodman

per ship [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Gifford

New Bedford [illegible] 1801

Mr. Wm. Williams Jun.

New London

Dear Sir

Your favor of [illegible] ulto was duly received - The Nails & Shoes [illegible] per Sloop Experiment to New York [illegible] Fork [illegible] to forward them to you I could not [illegible] with [illegible] as per bill at foot -

One lot of [illegible] Sperm Oil has been sold at [illegible] cash it was bought for Mr [illegible] of New York - Manufacturers here do not seem disposed to go quite so high. The whole cargo of whale Oil, the last which arrived was sold last week @ 9[illegible] at 4 months - Sales of whale bone have been made lately at [illegible] cash -

The [illegible] of [illegible] Mr [illegible] was [illegible] Sales of [illegible] Season [illegible] have been made lately at [illegible] per [illegible] -

With much respect,

Your friend

Wm. R. Rodman

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] . . . [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

New Bedford 6th Dec 1801

Robinson Walker & Co
Respected friends

I have [illegible] to you from [illegible] The amount you have [illegible] against [illegible] [illegible] I am pleased you have [illegible] in the business— Annexed is J. Ricketson['s] order to W. J. King for any of our debts against [illegible] you [illegible] on the Note I hold against him—

I have not yet had an opportunity to make you a statement of [illegible] Candles which is hoped to [illegible] the [illegible]—

With much respect
your friend
[illegible]

New Bedford 6 Jany 1801—

Messrs Henry [illegible] & Co
Gentn

Annexed is Invoice and bill of lading of 100 boxes Sperm Candles [illegible] you per Sloop [illegible] I hope you will be able to get [illegible] for the lot [illegible] they [illegible] quite [illegible] as they have been— [illegible] the proceeds as usual—

Respectfully yours
[illegible]

New Bedford 6 Jany 1821

Messrs Henry Payson & Co
Gentn

Your favor of [illegible]
enclosing Hugh Birckhead's draft on [illegible]
R. Whitridge of [illegible] for $1885.7/100
was duly received. the draft has been accep-
ted payable when in funds which please
then to place to your credit.

I have sent you per Sloop [illegible] Henry
253 boxes Sperm Candles of extra size. for
which I hope you will get 36 cts. they have
been in [illegible] demand & lately [illegible] getting
rather dearer.

With much respect
your friend
Wm R. Rodman

The Sloop Henry sails
this afternoon —

New Bedford 16 Jany 1821

Mr John [illegible]
[illegible]
Sir

By the recommendation
of [illegible] Richmond Esq. I write you to enquire
the dimensions of the ship you are building,
the [illegible] & [illegible] of the thickness
of the plank also of the ceiling & decks — what
progress you have made in building, when
she will be completed, & finally the lowest
price she will be completed with all the spars.
Your answer at once [illegible] will oblige

Yours respectfully
Wm R. Rodman

New Bedford 15th Feby 1831 –

Messrs Robinson Weeden & Co

Providence

Gentn

Mr Carr of your Town called on me this morning with a proposition from Mr Mallet to pay the whole amount of my notes against him, on condition I would give him a receipt in full for all demands & withdraw the suit against him – this of course I would not consent to, and which would be leaving your claim unsatisfied – My reply was – the business was left to your management – that I could not make any compromise & if he had any proposals to make they must be made to you. Mr Carr appears to be aware that your notes have been endorsed over to me, solely for the purpose of bringing the suit in my name – how far this knowledge will go towards quashing the suit I do not know – you had better be [illegible] as against this point – but I leave the business entirely to your direction –

Respectfully yours

Wm J. Rodman

New Bedford 21 Feby 1831

Fish Grinnell & Co

Respected friends

Enclosed you have bill of lading & Invoice 9 boxes of Sperm Candles belonging to Jos Ricketson, on board schr [illegible] – these candles are of inferior quality & have no brand on them – he wishes them sold as soon as possible either at auction or private sale – also Invoice of two boxes Sperm Candles of first quality, which are to be accommodated to go to any part of the world [illegible] Rotch & Co with 3 per ct [illegible] of the proceeds of the latter & any bal [illegible] –

Respectfully yours

Wm J. Rodman

New Bedford 23rd Feby 1831

Fish Grinnell & Co

Respected friends

Annexed is Jos Grinnells draft on you for $3118.50 due 11th inst. which please place to my credit. I have examined your account & find it correct, & it is satisfactory except the charge of about 6$ for postage — as I invariably pay the postage of my letters at the post office here. I think there must be some mistake about it — I have sent you per schr Halcyon 100 boxes Sperm Candles. She will be ready to sail tomorrow & will go outside. I have on board sloop [illegible] about 3000 gals winter Oil & 100 boxes Sperm Candles. The Candles are of inferior quality & are not such as they were shipped on the 19th Jany. & the vessel has been detained by the ice ever since. I expect she will be able to move in a few days —

With much respect,

your friend

[illegible] T. [illegible]

New Bedford 26th Feby 1831

[illegible] H. Tyson & Co

Balto

I have your favor 19th inst — Mr Whitney paid the draft I drew on him for $1188.75 the 30th Jany. & I have credited your account for that amount as cash that day.

A vessel will sail for Baltimore early next week, by her I shall send you some winter Oil & Sperm Candles.

Two ships from the South Seas with [illegible] bbls Oil have arrived here within a few days [illegible] with full cargoes. They were frozen up [illegible] the mouth of [illegible] and [illegible] discharging — the remainder [illegible] of which [illegible] [illegible]

With much respect

your friend

[illegible] T. [illegible]

New Bedford 3d Feby. 1831-

Jona. Shoemaker
Phia.

Dear friend

I take the liberty of requesting you to make enquiries respecting the Ship Crozimbo now lying in Phia. - her age, where built, whether her frame is Live Oak or a part of it - when repaired & what was done to her - the state of her standing rigging sails, cables & anchors & copper & finally the asking price for her - This much I know that she is a large old Ship, very much run down & will require very heavy repairs, & perhaps it not worth repairing to her present owners - There has been so many here to examine the old Ship (several from N Bedford) & came away without buying her - that perhaps the owners may by this time be willing to sell her low - If you can purchase her at a price I think will answer I will give you orders to buy her - From my present knowledge of her I should think she was worth to me four or five thousand dollars - but I do not know enough about her to judge correctly - I wish rather it were not known that the application comes from N. Bedford & wish you to make your enquiries as privately as possible, as I know there are others who have an eye on the Ship - please give me the information as soon as you can conveniently -

With much regard
your friend
[illegible] T. Russell

New Bedford 6 March 1831

Phil. Grinnell &c

Respected Friends

Annexed I hand you draft on you for $187.29/100 dollars which please place to my credit on acct 3 D Corp—

The following are the owners of ship Brighton: Good Grinnell 1/8 – [illegible] Grinnell 1/8 – Henry Grinnell 1/8 – [illegible] 1/4 – Joseph [illegible] 1/8 – Benj. Cummings 1/8 – myself 3/8 – there has [illegible] one [illegible] [illegible] of sale — We all think it would be best for the Brighton to go another voyage to Europe if you can get a good freight for her at [illegible] [illegible] from [illegible] accordingly —

Your friend

Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 7 March 1831

Saml. C. Keating

Respected friend

I have your favor of 28 ult. Seven ships have arrived this winter, bringing about 14500 bbls whale oil. Two of them have already sailed for Europe with their cargoes. Two more are expected to go. Some sales have been made at 31 cts. I have heard of one cargo today being sold at 30 cts cash. This is quite the lowest sale that has been made. It is the general belief it will not go below 30 cts this year, but it will depend altogether upon advices from Europe. 30 cts is asked for whale bone. I expect it will decline to 18 cts. Crude sperm oil has been sold today at 68 cts cash. I think it may be bought next summer at 65 cts, and will not probably go below that. Should there be any change in prices I will inform you. [illegible] whale bone [illegible] there is [illegible] to [illegible] you in a few weeks —

Your friend

Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 9 March 1831 -

Jon.a Shoemaker

Dear friend

I am much obliged by your answering my letter so promptly respecting the ship Cornelia - From you account of her she is worth to me 5000. I will give that sum for her cash. but the owners value her so high I suppose there is no probability of his selling at that price. If he comes down to 5000 let me know it & I will go to Philadelphia - in the mean time keep an eye upon her & inform me when any movements made with her. You did not mention whether she is copper fastened. was she not originally iron fastened & has been copper fastened since she was built. After you have had an interview with the owner I shall be glad to hear from you again. -

very truly yours

Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 9 March 1831 -

Messrs Henry Parker & Co

Gent.

I have sent you per Sloop Caroline to sail tomorrow 160 boxes sperm Candles & about 1250 gls first quality Winter Oil - I am in want of some funds in New York & shall be obliged by your remitting to Rich Reimund & Co the amount you are willing to advance me -

with much respect

your friend

Wm T. Russell

Washington [illegible] 1861

[illegible]

Dear Friend

I am much obliged to [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Washington [illegible] 1861

[illegible]

Dear Sir

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford 13 March 1831

Mr Simeon Martin
Newport
Sir

I have your favor of 9th inst enquiring the price of Sperm Candles & Sperm Oil — My price for Candles is 30 cents. There are some Oil but which begins to chill in about two weeks, the price would be 70 cts & 2½% off for Cash — There is one manufacturer here only who has any strained Oil [illegible] he has been selling at 70 cts. I am the only one here who has any Sperm Candles on hand, they will be scarce for two or three months hence —

Respectfully yours
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 14 March 1831

Messrs Hopkins & Wade
Hartford
Conn

I have received your favor of 10th inst and am gratified to learn the Whale Oil I sold you last autumn proved agreeable to my recommendation and gave you satisfaction.

Our present stock of Whale Oil is quite good in quality & rather lighter colour than that you bought. At present there is no strained Oil in the place, the old stock having all gone [illegible] being ready for the [illegible]. I have been doing it about two weeks, which I expect will be light colour. My price for Whale Oil is now 30 cts 6 months. Of fall strained Oil 70 cts [illegible]. There are [illegible] Whale Oil [illegible] than the [illegible] [illegible] to obtain higher prices [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — I shall be happy to receive your orders [illegible] at any time [illegible] your Oil [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to make the bargain [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] responsibility.

Respectfully yours
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 15th March 1831

Messrs [illegible] Brothers & Co
Marseilles

Gent.

I wrote you the 8th of March 1830 relative to the [illegible] boxes sperm[illegible] Spermaceti sent to you in the Autumn of 1827 and have not since had the pleasure of hearing from you —

I have now to request you will have the goodness to ship it to [illegible] & Co New York unless you can sell it immediately at a price that will net [illegible] eighteen cents per pound [illegible] to the U. States.

I am respectfully
your ob. servt.
Wm. [illegible]

New Bedford 21st March 1831

Saml. [illegible]
Respected friend

I have received your favor of [illegible] & think your ideas are entirely too low in regard to the price of whale oil. It is the general opinion that prices will not go below 30 [illegible] [illegible] this year [illegible] and [illegible] that prices will be [illegible] to 30 cts. [illegible] at 30 cts. Two [illegible] ships have arrived [illegible] I wrote you their cargoes [illegible] at 30 cts.[?] The [illegible] of the ships [illegible] [illegible] about the latter part of [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to be [illegible] by [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] which ships [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with their cargoes [illegible] if they [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] they [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] for another whale voyage — I cannot give you any en[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] If you [illegible] to purchase [illegible] the [illegible] I can for you —

Your friend
Wm. [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford 2 Apr 1831

Fish Grinnell & Co

Respected friends

Annexed is Jos Ricketson draft on you for $2400. & my draft on Moses Delano Jun at five days sight for $800. which please place to my credit –

It is the wish of the Owners of ship [illegible] that her account may be balanced by a transfer to the respective owners viz Cornl Grinnell 1/8 Jos. Grinnell 1/8 Henry Grinnell 1/8 [illegible] 1/8 Jos Rotch 1/8 [illegible] –

Respectfully yours

Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 2 Apr 1831

Mr Moses Delano Jun

New York

Dear Sir

I rec'd your favor of 30 ult & have according to your request drawn on you to day for Eight hundred dollars five days sight in favor Fish Grinnell & Co –

I regret to hear your business has not been equal to your expectations & that you intend to relinquish it – You ought to be the best judge whether the business is worth pursuing after the trial you have given it –

& I wish you success in whatever business you may choose –

With much esteem

your friend

Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 18. Apr 1831

Saml C Barling

Respected friend

I have received your favor of 10th inst. the Moss & Linseed Oil which you say you have shipped shall receive my best attention - Common Linseed Oil has been selling at $7 - 4 months - Linseed Oil is worth 95 c per gal - (after arriving & ...) It is quite probable I shall be able to purchase whale oil within your limit some time hence - It is now held at 30 cts in lots of one or two hundred barrels - At present there is no demand for whale oil for foreign ... but several ships are daily expected & I doubt whether it will come down to your limit - I shall send you per the Ship Royalist about 50 bbls sperm oil of very good quality - The Royalist will be ready to sail about the 20th - Candles are worth 30 c in N Bedford & I have made the ... I have sent them -

Your friend

Wm C. Nash

New Bedford 21 Apr 1831

Saml C Barling

Respected friend

The Schr Coralline last evening & the cargo ... being all in good order & ... - I have not been able to sell any thing from the wharf - There being but few ships fitting away, & ... not in much demand - but I am in hopes to work it off at $... - I could not get a freight to ... at the ... Oil at ... There has been a large quantity of ... oil sold here the spring at $... - ... I think you will be obliged to raise your limit on the Oil - I would not advise a further shipment of them at present - I expect in a few weeks there will be ... more demand - the price ... by the ... at the South -

Your friend

Wm C. Nash

New Bedford 30 Apr 1831

Messrs [illegible] &c
Boston

I have your favor of 28th inst — I cannot consent to sell the winter oil in your hands at less than 90 cts — There are less whale [illegible] winter than the [illegible] previous [illegible] will be scarce and [illegible] before [illegible] price must be quite as high if not higher than they are last season — You made then the [illegible] to see there is no loss by holding for the [illegible] of [illegible] — I have whale oil quite as good a [illegible] as that which is offered in your market at 80 which I will sell at the same price — [illegible] winter oil is worth I will [illegible] you [illegible] — Sperm candles [illegible] in New York [illegible] than in any other market. I have lately [illegible] about 1000 [illegible] sold them at [illegible] —

Respectfully yours
Wm. R. Rodman

New Bedford 31 Apr. 1831 —

Wm Dean &c
Salem
Respected friend

I have received your favor of 26th inst with account sales of oil — which are found correct —

The balance of my account which you say is about 390 dolls. I should like to receive & you may if you please remit it by a check on Boston as you proposed — W R Rotch &c say you may remit the balance due them when it suits your convenience —

Sperm oil has lately risen & I have sold all the summer oil I have on hand within a few days at 70 c. [illegible] at the [illegible] —

With much respect
your friend
Wm. R. Rodman

New Bedford 3d Apr 1832.

[illegible]

Respected friend

I have received your favor [illegible] with Invoice of [illegible] [illegible] to be able to dispose of at the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at the [illegible] — [illegible] another shipment [illegible] — I have [illegible] of first shipment [illegible] [illegible] —

[illegible] by your [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] been [illegible] about a [illegible] [illegible] to have the [illegible] —

[illegible] have [illegible] received. [illegible] have been [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from [illegible] [illegible] —

Your friend

Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 2d Apr 1832

Fish Grinnell & Co

Respected friends

The Owners of Ship Brighton wish to have $8000 insured on the present voyage — Ship valued at the same. You will please have it done immediately on the receipt of this —

It is hardly fair in you to make a cats paw of the Brighton to accommodate the Ontario. Your first conclusion was that the Brighton could not go in the line again & that her Cabin must be taken away. Then we hear she is to take the place of the Ontario & then again the Ontario can be got ready to sail on the 1st. & the Brighton is [illegible] — & this is done without consulting the Owners here. I do not know whether it has been any disadvantage to the Brighton or not — as she has gone without any passengers & no alteration in the Cabin she must be the loser by it — The Owners of the Brighton have requested me to give you a hint that they [illegible] not quite satisfied with such usage —

Your friend

Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 4 May 1831 -

Saml C Bunting

Respected friend

The Schr Jane has arrived with the Flour sent by her a store and I was not able to sell any from the wharf, there being no demand for it just now - Since my last I have sold 100 bbls more of the lot per Schr Bruce at $6 07/100 4 months - Flour of equal quality is freely offered at the same price -

I have your favor of 29th ulto - Unless Flour should continue to fall, I think I can dispose of that rec'd per Schr Jane at your limits say $6 3/8 for S. Fine & $6 for [illegible] in the course of a month or two - But the Boats cargo should be reduced in price in the same proportion - There will be considerable Flour wanted here in the course of next Summer for ships bread - I can sell perhaps 500 bbls or upwards at about the New York prices adding about 25 cts per bbl for expenses - in the course of the Summer months -

With much respect

your friend

Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 12 May 1831 -

Saml C Bunting

Respected friend

Your favor of 10th inst enclosing Invoice of 770 bbls Flour per Schr Regulator was duly received. The Flour has been landed & I have sold 100 bbls on the wharf at $6 [illegible] of the other lots I have sold about 200 bbls at $6 1/4 to $6 3/8 for Superfine & $6 for [illegible] - The market is dull & I think I might sell one or two hundred bbls more of equal good quality at $6 1/4 a $6 -

Your account has been received & is correct & satisfactory excepting your not having [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] making a [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] would be in my favor [illegible] [illegible] - I hope you will be willing to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for the balance in [illegible] [illegible] - Two cargoes of [illegible] have just arrived both have been sold at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] - [illegible] [illegible] whole [illegible] [illegible] -

With much respect

your friend

Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 17th May 1835

Messrs Howland & Aspinwall
New York
Gent.

I have your favor of 14th inst. enquiring the price of 30 Casks Winter Oil & 50 Boxes Sperm Candles — I will sell you my best Winter Oil at 95 cts 4 months. — second quality at 85 cts — Sperm Candles 29 cts 4 months. Delivered along side the Packet — no charge for candle boxes —

Respectfully yours
Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 26th May 1831

Fish Grinnell & Co

Respected friends

I have your favor of 19th inst enquiring at what price I would take from 60 to 80000 gals Winter Oil — My price is 95 c/ & 4 months — and that which you have on hand I wish you to hold at 95c. Winter Oil will be scarce next Fall. I expect it will be one dollar or upwards —

With much respect
your friend
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 26 May 1831

[illegible] Esq

Respected friend

I have your favor of [illegible] the [illegible] you have [illegible] I [illegible] will be able to [illegible] of your [illegible]. There has [illegible] here in the [illegible] at this [illegible]. [illegible] was [illegible] a few days since at [illegible] & [illegible] at [illegible] — I do not feel authorised to [illegible] your at [illegible] — but think you would be obliged to [illegible] to this price. I have sold only about [illegible] I [illegible] at [illegible] & [illegible] —

The only [illegible] Oil [illegible] this [illegible] is a lot of [illegible] bbls which is held at [illegible] cash. [illegible] of [illegible] bbls have been [illegible] at [illegible]. From present appearances it is not probable it will go lower [illegible] at this price I think. I [illegible] be able to [illegible] your order for [illegible] bbls [illegible] of the ships which are [illegible] expected [illegible] — [illegible] Bill [illegible] at [illegible] — [illegible]

your friend
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 31st May 1831

Mr Chas H. Pierce
Baltimore

Dr Sir

I recd your favor of 28th this morning. I have just shipped about 200 boxes Sperm Candles to Balt. which took all I have on hand. I would transfer your order to one of my friends, but from your being in haste to receive them, I conclude you have rather they were not sent at time available in the market [illegible] with your order. I have therefore [illegible] you in [illegible]. If you still wish me to send you 100 boxes, I will forward them as soon as they can be made at the price you offer, or if you want them immediately will purchase them without any charge —

Very truly your friend
Wm. R. Rodman

New Bedford 6 June 1831.

Mr Chas H. Pierce
Baltimore

Dr Sir.

Your favor of 1st inst did not reach me till this morning. I do not think it would be using my correspondents fair to give you an order on them for 100 boxes Candles. You must then take your chance with other purchasers. But if you still adhere to my offer I will deliver on board of the packet 100 boxes Sperm Candles at 31 cts [illegible] as soon as they can be made, which will probably [illegible] in a few days. The Candles I have sent to Balt. were consigned to [illegible] & G. Whitney

Respectfully yours
[illegible] R. Rodman

New Bedford 3 Jan 18[illegible] –

Saml C Bunting

Respected friend

Since my last three cargoes of whale Oil have arrived & I have been able to execute your order & have purchased for your account 1000 bbls at 30 cts Cash – I shall ship it in a few days by two vessels & will forward bills of lading in time for you to effect insurance – I have drawn on you at 30 & 60 days for the cost of the whale Oil – Crude Sperm Oil is still selling at 66 a 68 [illegible] Nantucket folks. I cannot find any one willing to take the body separate from the head. cannot you make a bargain with Thos Coffin for head matter at a price that will enable the body to be [illegible]

The [illegible] shipped by Capt [illegible] he has put into [illegible] having nothing able to take at your limits – I value 60 bbls of the [illegible] at 63 & 64 the remainder is drawn –

Your favor of 28 ulto came to hand last evening – I doubt whether you will realize more for your Oleine by holding it – it will not keep over the Summer without heating – This month there will be the most demand for it – Have you not best give me discretionary orders to do the best I can with it – If the weather [illegible] up the Summer I would be [illegible] favourably – I think it would be to your interest to submit to low prices – [illegible] at 56 & crude at 58 – at these prices I believe I could work off the whole in a few weeks – The accounts from England are not very encouraging – should there be a favorable change I shall be early informed of it and will be governed accordingly –

With much regard

Your friend

Wm J. [illegible]

New Bedford 9 Jan 1801

Saml [illegible]
Respected friend

Annexed is Invoice and bill of lading of 152 casks which I have shipped for your acct & risk per Sloop Bedford [illegible] — the casks are larger than I wish, but it is impossible to make a selection without paying an extra price — The Bedford is a very good [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] belonging to this port. she sails this afternoon with a fair wind —

By the last accounts from Europe whale oil has been [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — It will not go below [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] expectation this [illegible] will be wanted for home consumption —

with respect
your friend
Wm [illegible]

New Bedford 9 Jan 1801 —

Messrs [illegible] & Perkins
Boston
Gentn

Annexed is Invoice & bills of lading of 30 bbls [illegible] oil sent you per Sloop Traveller according to your order — amounting to [illegible] dollars, for which amount I have drawn on you this day favor [illegible] — The Traveller sails this afternoon —

Respectfully yours
Wm [illegible]

New Bedford 18 Jan 1851 —

Messrs. Hopkins & Ward
Northampton
Gent.

Your favor of the 16th inst came to hand during my absence from home — I do not feel disposed to sell any Winter Oil at 90 c — I have handed your letter to Mr. [illegible] Robinson and having nothing to do with Mr. Robinson on the subject I cannot say whether he will accept of your terms or not — My price now for Winter Oil is 90 c 4 months [illegible] and I am in hopes to get more as the season advances. I have [illegible] lately of 88 c — I am entirely satisfied with your responsibility [illegible] to give you a credit whenever you purchase of me —

Respectfully yours
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 23 Jan 1851 —

Saml. C. Bunting Esq.
Respected friend

Bone continues to fall — it has now got so much below your limits that I do not feel authorized to sell — [illegible] Petersburg was sold yesterday at $4.87½ — 4 Mo. [illegible] is offering at [illegible] & some sales have been made at [illegible] — Several parcels have lately arrived from Baltimore & the market is now rather unsettled [illegible] — I hear that the sale of [illegible] [illegible] I should have had the [illegible] at the same price — Let me hear by return of mail whether you will submit to the [illegible] & allow me to sell as low as my neighbor [illegible] — A lot of Linseed Oil has lately [illegible] from [illegible] is offered at [illegible] — I [illegible] the whole of your [illegible] I have sold [illegible] only at [illegible] —

With much respect
Your friend
Wm. T. Russell

Whale Oil [illegible]
Sperm [illegible]
Bone [illegible] —

New Bedford 30 June 1831

Mr Chas R. Pearce
Baltimore
D Sir

Annexed you have inv. & bill of lading of 100 boxes Sperm Candles and 2 boxes Sperm Cake, sent you per sloop Caroline, amounting to [illegible] for which I have drawn on you at 4 months from this date - I have not been able to send the different size candles in the same proportion you order but hope they will answer as sent - The Caroline will be ready to sail tomorrow

With much respect
Your friend
Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 5 July 1831 -

Mr Wm H. Tilds
New York
D Sir

I have your favor of 29th ult. enquiring at what price I will furnish you with 100 boxes Sperm Candles weekly thro' the Summer - My price is 28 cts delivered in New York without any charge for boxes - at this price I will furnish you with 1000 boxes & forward 100 boxes weekly until the number is completed - and draw on you at sight for each shipment - Have the goodness to inform me as soon as possible whether you accept of my terms or not -

Respectfully yours
Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 5 July 1831—

Saml. C. Bunting

Respected friend

Your favour of 30 Ult.
with Invoice of 60 bbls Flour on board Schr
Jane has been received — I regret your having
made another shipment of Flour as the
quantities here lately arriving from that
time & I fear there is more on hand than
can be sold this summer. I am selling
[illegible]

[illegible]

Your friend
Wm. R. Rodman

[illegible]

New Bedford 26 Sept 1831

Messrs Bataud Brothers & Co.
Marseilles
Gents

If my Spermaceti
is not sold, when the Brig Science of this
port arrives at Marseilles, you will please
ship it by her—

I am respectfully
your obt. Servt.
Wm. R. Rodman

New Bedford 5 May 1831

Mr Chas R Prince
Baltimore

D Sir

Your favor of 28 ult. was duly received. Enclosed you have Invoice 18 boxes Sperm Candles on board Sloop Eliza Tyson & statement of acct bal. of $956.07 for average time from 1 July & I have drawn on you for that at [illegible] 3 months — The Candles you [illegible] are in a very bad state. I cannot believe it [illegible] any that could have [illegible] to [illegible] they have been exposed to the sun in the warmest climate. The old box was so much broken it would cost more to repair than they [illegible]. I have allowance you [illegible] for the [illegible] candles [illegible] should be willing to pay for any considerable quantity —

I am respectfully yours

Wm F Russell

New Bedford 8 Oct. 1831

Mr John Welsh
Phila.
Sir

I have receiv'd your favor of 5th inst requesting me to inform you the death of John Mc[illegible] a sailor belonging to Ship Princeton — There is due him $[illegible] out of which is to be paid his board & funeral expenses, It will be necessary that Letters of Administration be taken out by some one — perhaps the [illegible] Walker you name will be the most suitable person — I intended to have administered on his estate myself if no further person appeared — Alexander [illegible] a coloured boy was drowned at the same time — they came from Phila. together — If you can give me any information respecting his relation I shall be obliged to you. —

Respectfully yours
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 11 Oct. 1831

Mr Thos. Whitridge
Balto.
Dear Sir

Annexed is Invoice of 32 casks Sea Elephant Oil on board Schr. Leonore, which I have sent you by way of experiment to try your market — When refined as from the fish, this Oil will burn nearly as well as Whale Strained Sperm Oil — but Curriers prefer it to Cod Oil for their use — it also has all the properties of Neats foot Oil, & is quite as good for all the purposes that is used for — you must take it [illegible] for sale — The proceeds place to my credit —. I shall also send you by Schr. Leonore 100 bbls Whale Sperm Oil, all in bbls — The Leonore will be ready to sail the 13th or 14th —

Your friend
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 13 Oct 1831

Messrs. Robinson Wheden & Co.
Havana

Annexed is Invoice of 181 Casks Sea Elephant Oil on board Sloop B. J. Jones, which I have sent you by way of experiment to try your market rather [illegible] from the Fish. it burns equally as well as Whale & Sperm Oils. I also [illegible] your market to have this [illegible] the production of that [illegible] to [illegible] as soon [illegible] may [illegible] that is taken for. If you are desirous of it & the [illegible] I [illegible] you a large shipment. How is your market for [illegible] & Sperm Oils — I shall [illegible] in about two weeks —

Your friend
Wm. R. Rodman

New Bedford 29 Oct 1831

Saml. C. Bunting
Respected friend

Annexed is Invoice of 15 Casks Winter Oil on board the Schr. [illegible] of the same quality as last shipment, which you will take at the same limits or order for sale. Your draft for $[illegible].15 has been presented & accepted —

When the goods [illegible] by the [illegible] as many boxes of Loaf Sugar as can be purchased [illegible] & [illegible] there —

With much respect
Your friend
Wm. R. Rodman

New Bedford [illegible] Oct 1831

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford [illegible] Oct 1831

Messrs [illegible]

Boston

Gentlemen

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford 29 Nov. 1831

Mr. Jos. Waters
Secy. N.E. Mar. Ins. Co.
Boston

I have received your letter of 16th inst. giving a statement of the premium on Ship Timoleon amounting to 894.72/100 dolls. I have written to Messrs. E. Hathaway & Co. by this mail to pay you 894.72/100 & take up my prem. note — It is not customary with our offices here to charge any additional premium on cargo between the arrival & the landing of it. I have therefore not allowed it in this instance —

I am respectfully yours
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford [illegible] July 1833
[illegible] Esq.
[illegible]
Sir

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible]

[illegible] respectfully yours
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 10 May 1832

Saml C Bunting

Respected friend

I have this day drawn on you at 30 days from date for 1000 dollars which please pay & charge to my account. There have been no sales of whale Oil here made at less than 30 cts this Spring it can still be had [illegible] [illegible] If you wish to purchase would not depend [illegible]

Your friend

Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 29 March 1832

Messrs Roland Barthes & Co

Marseilles

Gentn

I wrote you last September per Brig France, requesting you to Ship my Spermaceti by that vessel. I have not since had the pleasure of hearing from you although the France arrived some time since at Philadelphia.

I now write you per Brig Columbus of this port. If the Spermaceti is not sold when this vessel arrives at your port you will please ship it by her, if she returns to any port in the United States not south of Phila.

I am respectfully

your obt Servt

Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 7 Jan 1832

Saml C Bunting

Respected friend

Enclosed is my account current & Interest cast to 6 mo 1 — balance due you 1410. 84/100 dolls which I trust you will find correct — The Starch I have not yet been able to close but am in hopes to soon — There is also a lot of Castor Oil stored on hand. If I do not meet with a purchaser soon it had better be sold at Auction — I have not been able to sell the [illegible] at any thing like the price you name — it has been sold here at 50 & that is the most I can expect to get for it — shall I sell it at that price — Crude Sperm Oil 70 cts cash — & but little here — it is expected to go up to 75 cts next year — Whale Oil 25 c & no probability of its being lower this year — I have drawn on you to day for 500 dolls at 30 days after date which please pay at maturity —

I am respectfully
your friend
Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 31 Jan 1832

Saml C Bunting

Respected friend

Annexed is Invoice 25 Casks Refined Elephant Oil on board Schr [illegible] which while Sperm Oil is so high I hope you will be able to dispose of readily at about the Invoice price. You will please place the whole of the proceeds to my credit.

Sales of crude Sperm Oil have been made within a few days at 80 c cash. Whale Oil at 28 c cash.

With much respect
Your friend
Wm T. Russell

New Bedford 18 July 1832

Capt Caleb Kempton
of Ship Orozimbo -

The Owners of Ship Orozimbo expect you to cruise two Seasons for Right whale [illegible] off the Cape of Good Hope and between the Right whale Seasons to proceed up through the Mozambique Channel off the Setchell Islands & to cruise between these Islands & the mouth of the Red Sea for Sperm Oil - We may reasonably expect you to get 2000 bbls Right Whale Oil each Season & 500 bbls Sperm Oil between the Seasons of Right whaling, making 4500 bbls which will fill the Ship - Should you be so very successful as to obtain 2000 bbls Oil the first Right Whale Season still we expect you to proceed on the Sperm whale ground to fill up the Ship -

When you stop at the Western Islands leave a letter in shore for me and write by every opportunity during the voyage -

By ~~[illegible]~~ Insurance you are at liberty to go to any part of the world for the purpose of whaling, & have liberty to sell Oil at any port in Brazil -

I am with much respect yours
Wm. T. Russell

$385.00 New Bedford 13 August 1832

At sight pay to the order of Jas Walsh Esq Three hundred & eighty five $100 dollars, value received & charge the same to account of Your friend
Wm. T. Russell

To Mr Saml C. Keating
Philadelphia

New Bedford 13 Augt 1832

Mr Jas Walsh
Obt Sir

Herewith you have my account with the Estates of Jas Scarborough & Chas Southernstate balance due the former $200.00 and the latter $184.00 - For which is annexed my draft on Mr Saml C Keating at sight for $385.00 - Enclosed I return the letter of Admins. Have the goodness to send me a receipt from the [illegible] Walters [illegible] I regret there should have been so much delay in the settlement of this business, but circumstances were it has been unavoidable on my part -

I am respectfully Yours
Wm. T. Russell

New York 5 Nov 1832.

Capt. Chr Black
Respected friend

The Ship Renown and Cargo is placed under your charge to manage according to your best abilities for the interest of the Owners. It is not their wish to confine you by their instructions from exercising your own discretion.

You are at liberty to return direct with Coffee from Rio de Janeiro or proceed to Manilla or any other port in India as in your judgment may appear to our interest. The price of Coffee in the United States will not probably go below 11½ to 12 cts. If you can buy it in a board at Rio de Janeiro so as to pay a freight of two cents per lb without reference to the charges in New York, it will be an object for you to return direct to New York. If this cannot be done it will be best to proceed to Manilla, where you must be governed by the information you obtain there, as to your future proceedings.

If you load at Manilla we recommend Hemp in preference to Sugar, as being less liable to fluctuations in price and a more certain article than Sugar. Fish Grinnell & Co will furnish you with letters of credit on London which you can use at Rio de Janeiro or any port in India where you may take up a cargo. If you go to Canton and can get freight at $35 or $40 per ton direct to New York, we would prefer your taking it to fill up, after investing the proceeds of your outward cargo, to loading entirely on Owners account.

Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 9 Nov. 1833

Messrs. [illegible] & Co.
New Orleans
Gent.

Annexed is invoice of [illegible] casks refined Elephant Oil shipped per ship [illegible] [illegible] to sail about the 15 inst. which you will please receive & dispose of to best advantage. I hope you will be able to sell it at the current price. This oil is but little inferior to Sperm & is far superior to the winter oils generally sold in your city. [illegible] Oil for Tanners & [illegible] our Tanners do Lamp Oil. [illegible] will accommodate me by making an advance of four or five hundred dollars on the receipt of this shipment by bills on either New York or Boston.

I am respectfully Yours
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford [illegible] 1833

Messrs. [illegible] & [illegible]
Baltimore
Gent.

I have your favor of 31 inst. enclosing Mr. [illegible] [illegible] showing a balance due me of $[illegible]. According to my books you have [illegible] made a draft for $1000 drawn on you at [illegible] days from [illegible] & Co. You will please inform me if I am correct.

I have not received any thing from [illegible] of [illegible] on your account [illegible] of your calling on or the subject. [illegible] has been there several years. [illegible] Mr. [illegible] will [illegible] your demand. [illegible] your amount & forward it to me [illegible] collect it for you.

I am respectfully Yours
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 31 Jany. 1833.

Messrs Robinson & Co.
Prov.

I have received a circular from Robinson Warden & Co. announcing the dissolution of that firm and requesting me to say which of the new firms I would transfer my business. I have to request of you to take the property which was in the hands of the late firm into your possession and to close the Sales of the Elephant Oil as fast as possible. I do not limit the price - but do the best you can with it - Have the goodness to forward the Sales which are closed - and say what amount I may draw on you for at 60 or 90 days -

Respectfully Yours
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 5 Feby. 1833

Messrs J. H. Field & Co.
New Orleans

I have received your favor of 15th ulto. and regret to hear so discouraging a prospect for the sale of the Oil sent you per Bergen President - rather than it should lay on hand, at an expense you may sell it at 50 cts per gallon - the same quality of Oil has been sold in the neighboring markets at 75 cts. I am anxious to wind up this shipment & therefore put it at the low price of 50 cts. I hope at this price you will be able to close the sale immediately -

I am respectfully yours
Wm. T. Russell

New Bedford 31 Jany 1853.

Messrs Robinson & Co
Para.

I have received a circular from Robinson Winter & Co announcing the dissolution of that firm and requesting me to pay [illegible] which of the new firm [illegible] have been my [illegible] — I have to request of you to take the property which was in the hands of the late firm into your possession and to close the sale of the [illegible] Oil as fast as possible. [illegible] — but do the best you can with it — When the [illegible] to [illegible] the sale which are [illegible] — [illegible] may [illegible] on you for at 60 or 90 days —

Respectfully yours
Wm. [illegible] Russell

New Bedford 5 Feby 1853

Messrs J. H. Field & Co
New Orleans

I have received your favor of 13 Ult. and regret to hear of the [illegible] accompanying a prospect for the sale of the [illegible] Oil [illegible] for Bergen [illegible] — [illegible] you may sell it at 53 cts per gallon — The [illegible] quality of Oil [illegible] in the neighboring markets of [illegible] the shipment [illegible] at the [illegible] of [illegible] — [illegible]

Yours respectfully
Wm. [illegible] Russell

New Bedford 26 July 18[illegible]

Messrs. J. A. Field & Co
New Orleans
Gents

I [illegible] upon this [illegible] since I have had the pleasure of hearing from you in regard [illegible] ship [illegible] Oil made you last [illegible] in your [illegible] President. I shall be [illegible] glad to hear from you whether [illegible] have [illegible] the Oil, or how [illegible] I am [illegible] to have a remittance on account [illegible]

I am [illegible]
your friend
Wm [illegible]